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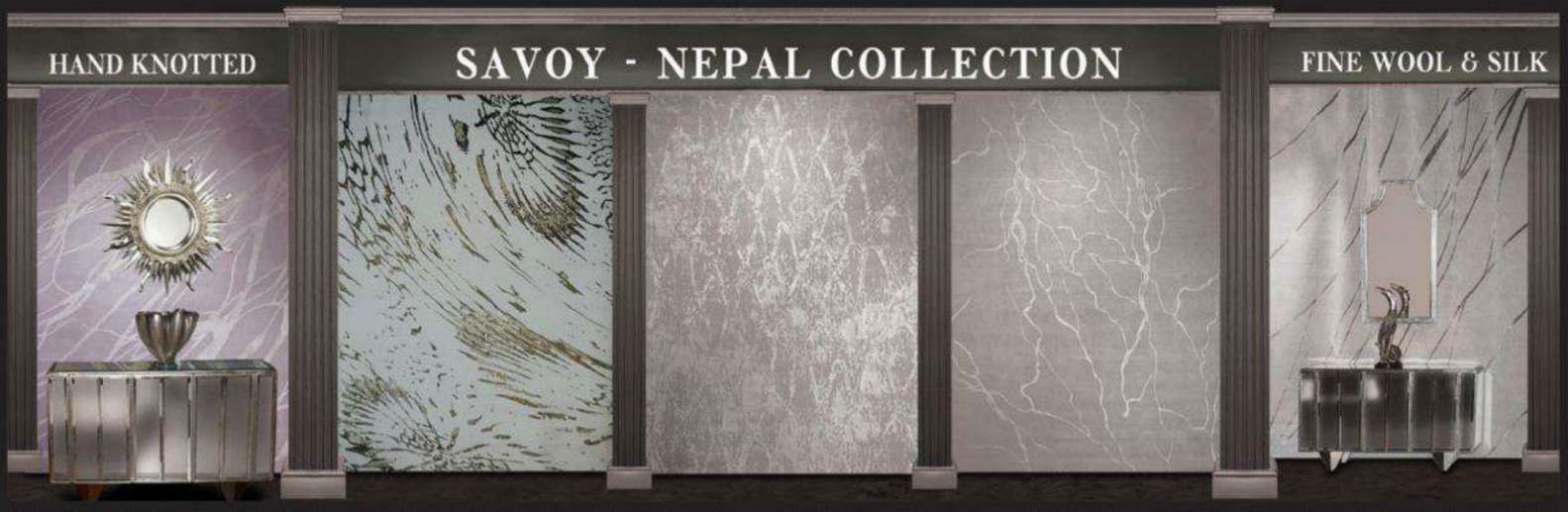

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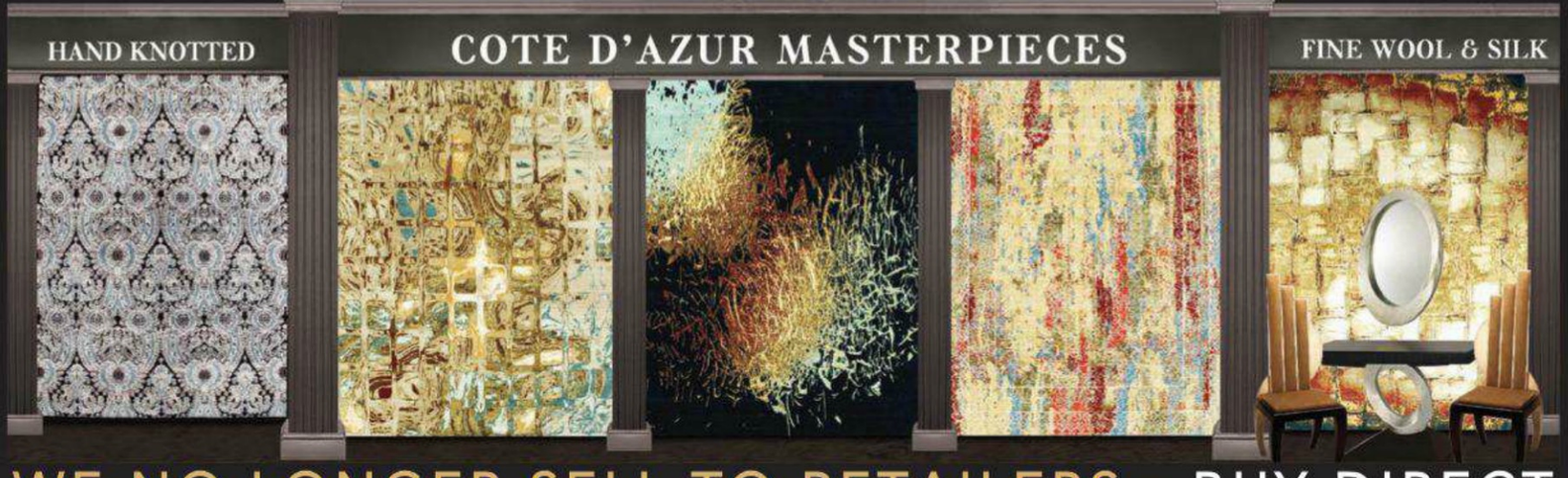

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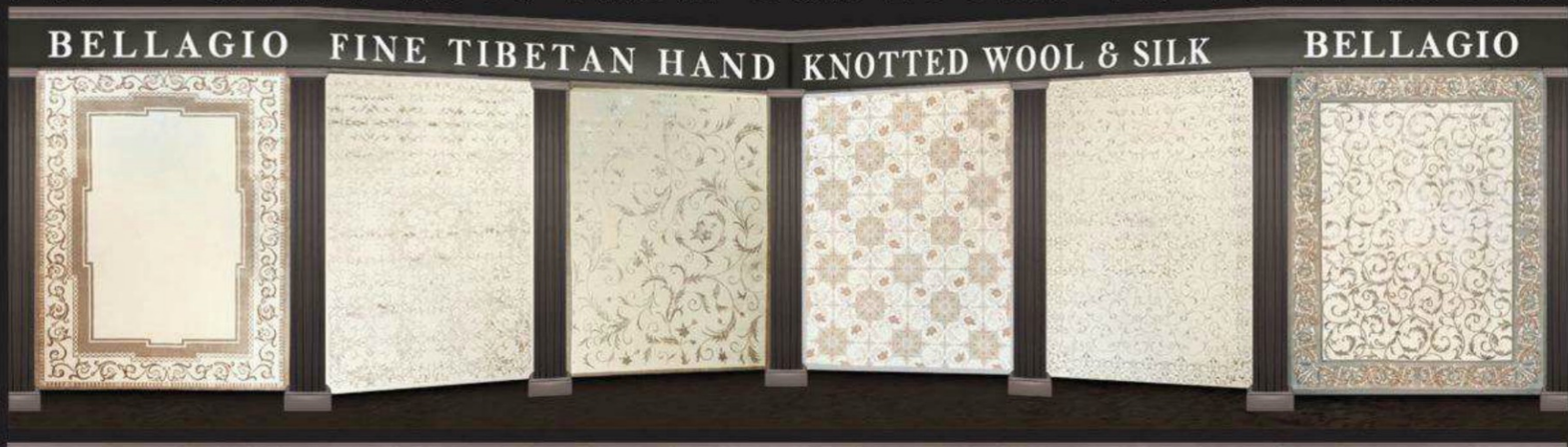

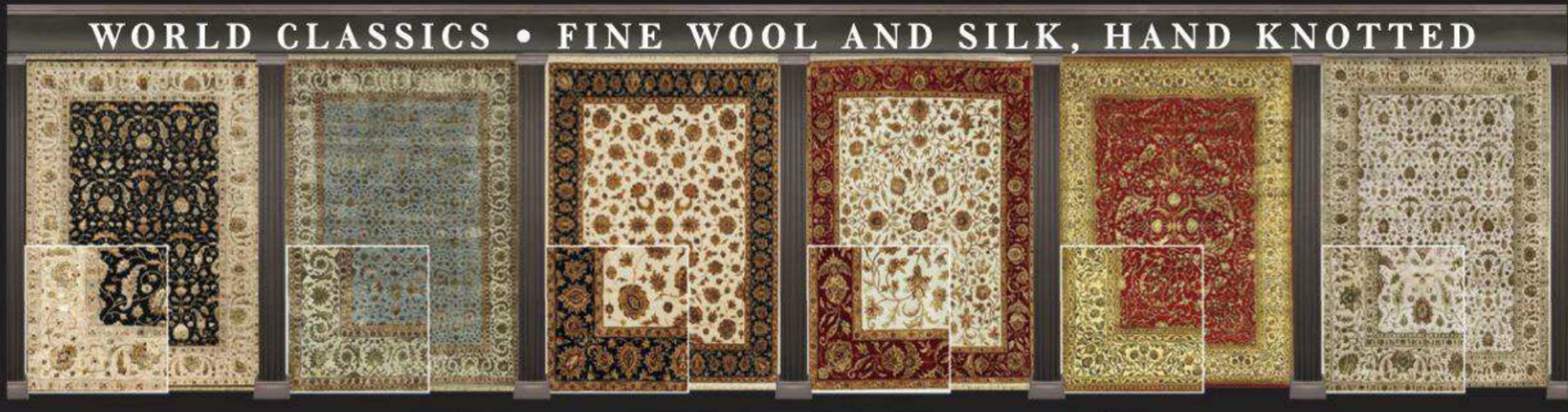

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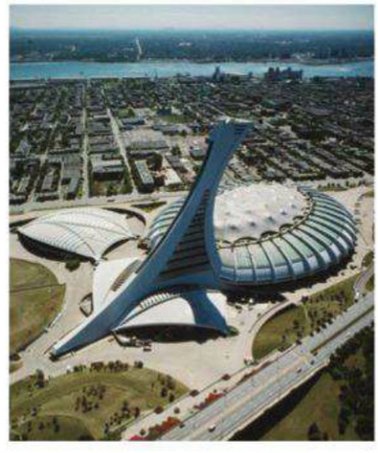

MEET THE WINNERS

Husband and wife Phil and Sheila couldn't believe their luck when they won a weekend getaway to drive the new 2013 Ford Edge in Montreal and learn all the fashion secrets that the city has to offer.

THE DAY BEGINS!

The winners leave the ultra-modern Hotel Gault to begin their exciting day with Angelique in the 2013 Ford Edge.

The first stop on Angelique's itinerary is MENS, one of Montreal's top haberdasheries. Working closely with the talented team at the boutique, Angelique helps Phil develop a sense of what style of casual men's clothing will "suit" him best.

Next up, the couple use the available SYNC® with MyFord Touch™ system command to access the GPS in their Ford Edge.* In mere seconds the navigation system directs them to Stacey Zhang, a fashion-forward womenswear store. Chosen by Angelique for its classic clothing that's styled with a twist, Stacey Zhang is the perfect spot for Sheila's fashion consultation. Angelique puts Sheila centre stage and teaches her how to put together the right outfit. Enamoured by many of the pieces, Sheila finds it difficult to leave!

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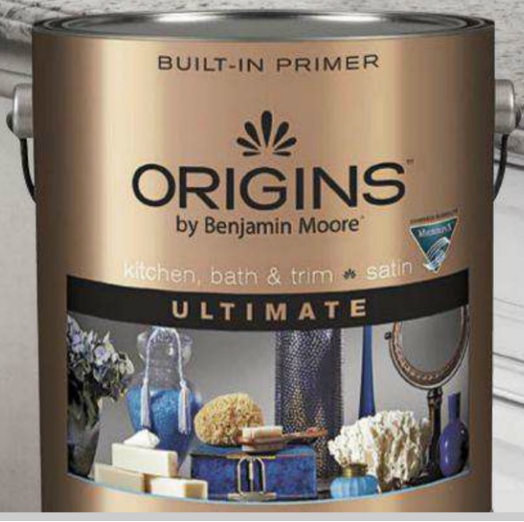

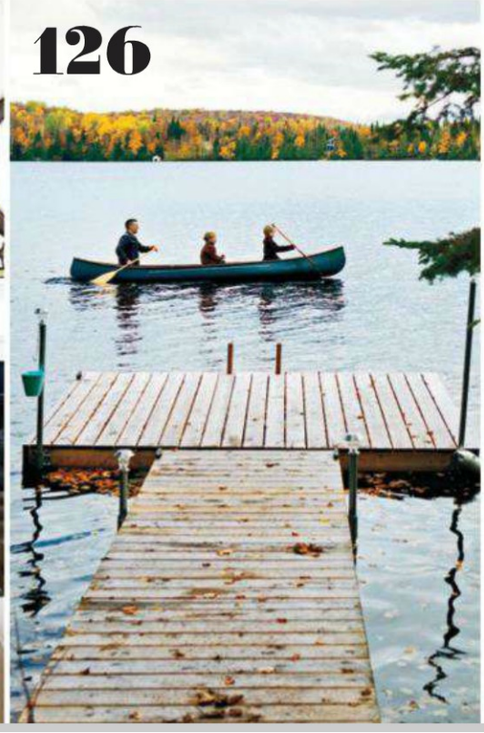

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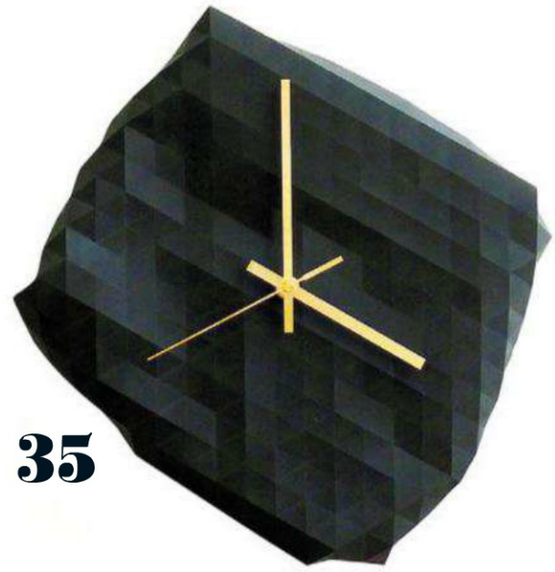

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I have no doubt that the houses featured in this issue will stand the test of time. From a modern Calgary homestead that looks to the past to a rural Quebec getaway that blends contemporary with Cape Cod cabin style to an Oakville, Ont., new-build home that encompasses the tenets of traditional Georgian architecture, we've gathered interiors that showcase the best of classic design. But as much as we admire the past, we're also looking to the future this issue. In celebration of our anniversary, turn to page 78 to see the debut of our very first home decor collection, available for purchase online at styleathome.com/shop. Featuring bedding, serveware, bath towels, toss cushions and more, this timeless collection boasts essentials for every decorating enthusiast. We promise, 15 years from now, you'll still be using them, and telling us all about it on the pages of *Style at Home*.

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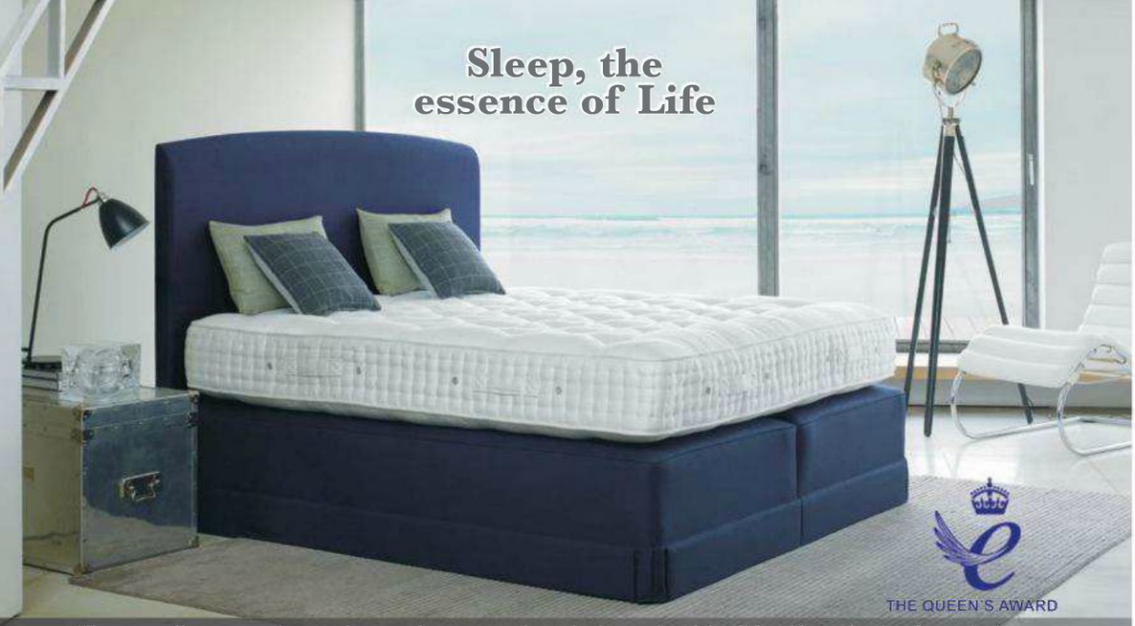

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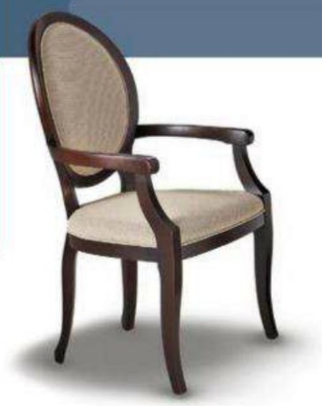

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KELLY GRANANDER, VIA EMAIL

A GIFT **OF GIVING**

As a realtor, I give *Style at Home* magazine subscriptions to my clients as a small thank you. All the great decorating ideas are a big help to new homeowners. I also have the magazine on my iPad – it really comes in handy when I'm waiting for a client or at a slow open house. That way, I also get to keep my copies to read over and over again!

ROSE BRINE, VIA EMAIL

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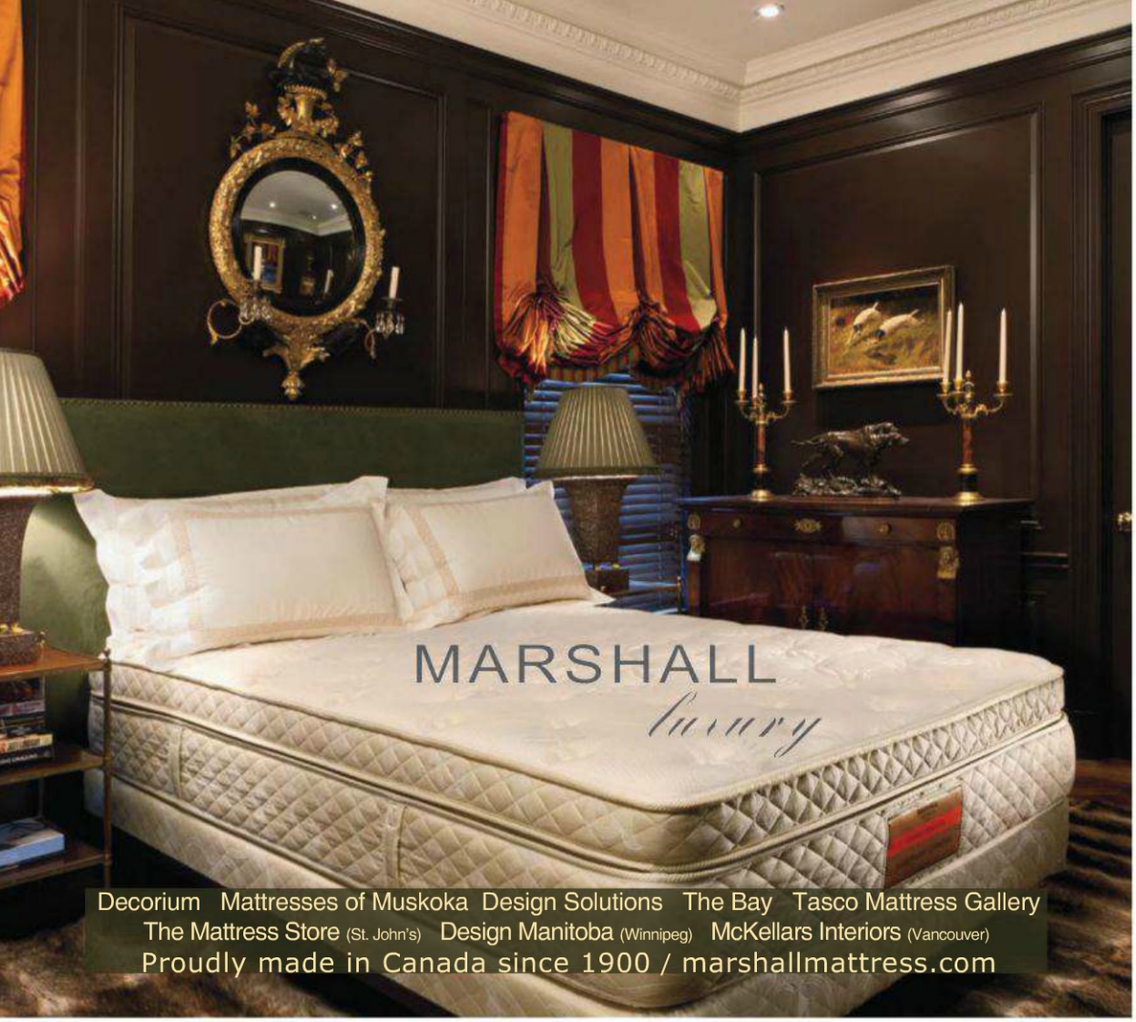
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I've been painting houses with my husband for the last 17 years and I would like to share our favourite white: Mistaya CLW 1042W from General Paint. It's the softest creamy white and all our clients love it. Thanks for such a fantastic magazine! I save every copy so I can refer back to them time and time again.

JOYCE RINN, VIA EMAIL

I have a favourite white to share. Cameo White 915 from Benjamin Moore is perfect.

SARAH KERR, VIA EMAIL

S@H READERS TWEET

Well, the past four days of work officially kicked my butt, now to curl up with the latest *Style at Home*. #inspired #relaxed
@wo0densp00n

The new IKEA catalogue is out and the new *Style at Home* is in my hands. Time to make some decor decisions. #needtowinthelottery
@littlemissniki

So happy to sit down with the September issue of *Style at Home*. The last two issues spoke to me! I'm just a white, grey and beige kinda gal!
@Tracy_Jones66

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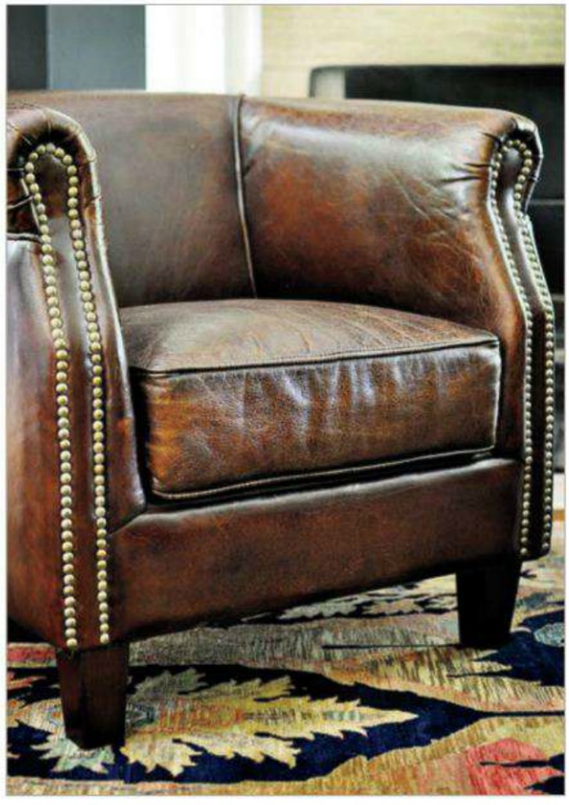

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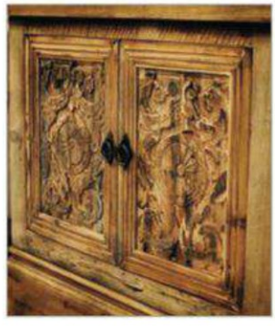

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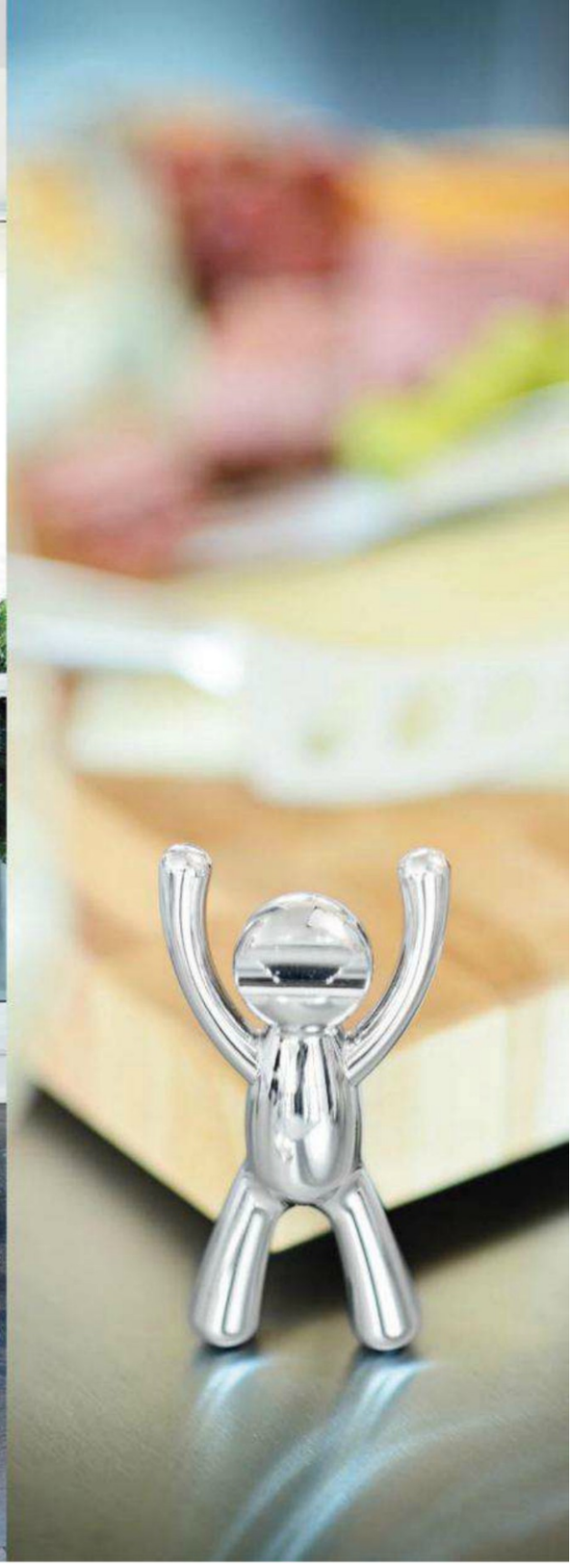

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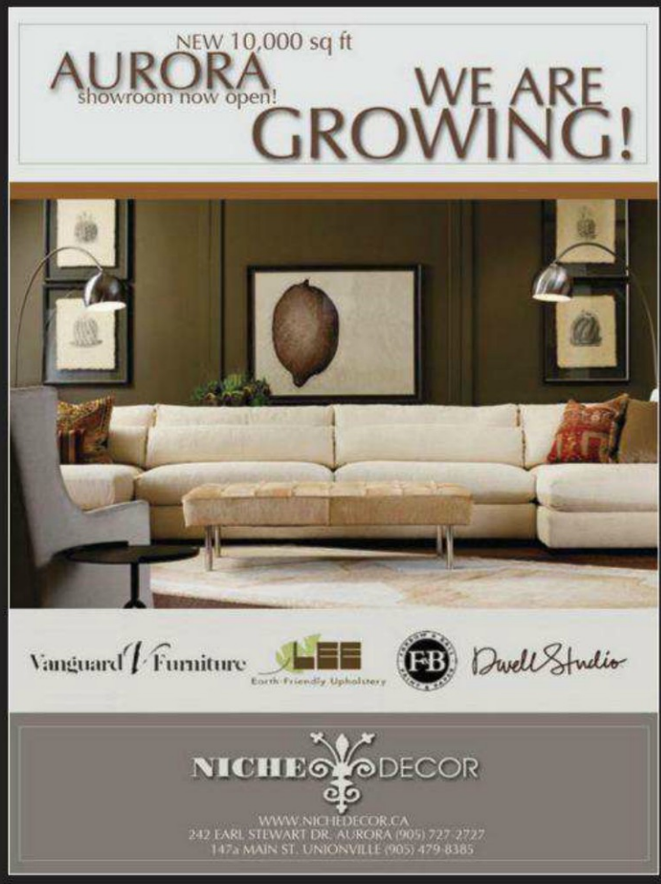

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Don't miss *Style at Home* editors and designers on television and at these events.

Watch editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** on CBC's *Steven and Chris*. For air dates and times, check your local listings or go to cbc.ca/stevenandchris.

Editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** on set with Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman.

WE'RE ON TV!

Catch style and food editor **Tara Ballantyne** and design editor **Jessica Waks** on Citytv's *CityLine*. Check your local listings for showtimes or go to citytv.com/cityline.

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Style and food editor **Tara Ballantyne** put her culinary skills to good use while cooking alongside Chef Jamie Kennedy to test the new Kenwood Cooking Chef, an all-in-one appliance that will be available in Canada this fall at Williams-Sonoma.

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THE TREND IS *Wanderlust*

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FOR FALL 2012, designers searched the globe for inspiration, with collections that referenced both current and historical locales and empires. From Altuzarra's take on Morocco, to Jason Wu paying homage to his Chinese roots with a nod to the Qing Dynasty, to the subtle Indian influence on Rag & Bone's runway, this is the season of the sartorial world traveler.

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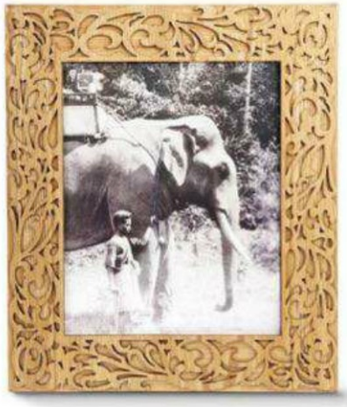

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A KEY DEFINING ELEMENT of the wanderlust trend is the use of bold, saturated colour. The rich red, burnt orange, turquoise blue and deep plum seen on the runway is now making it's way into fashion and interiors.

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THE *decorated* TREE

With the comforting scent of firewood burning in the cool air and the leaves on the trees changing to brilliant hues, it's hard to resist bringing an element of fall indoors. For this issue's project of the month, managing editor and resident crafter Catherine Therrien adds faux acorn and pine cone flourishes to a potted tree branch to welcome the season.

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For more of Catherine's fun and easy craft projects, visit **STYLEATHOME.COM/CRAFTS.**

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DINNERWARE in Flame, from $8, Le Creuset, lecreuset.ca.

TANGERINE DREAM

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table manners

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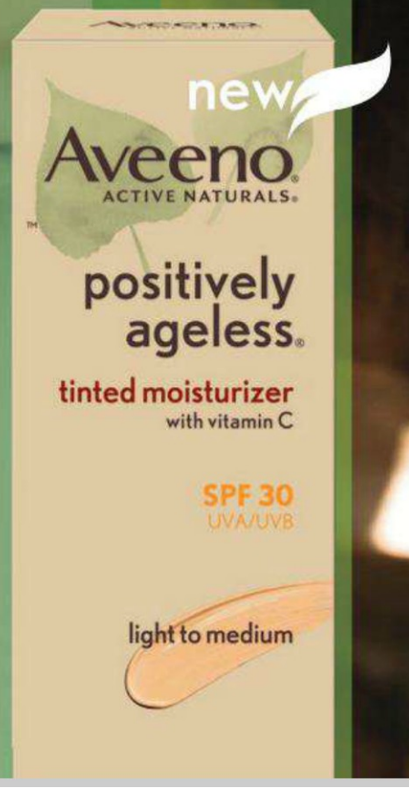

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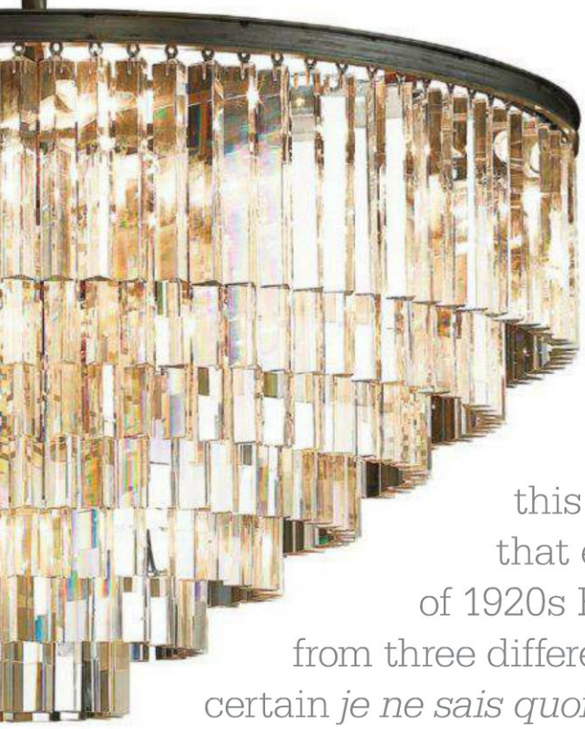
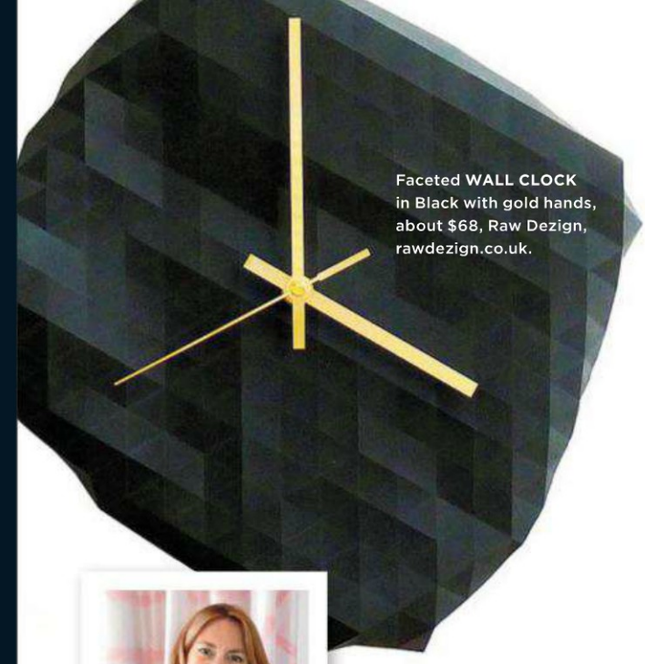


on the fringe

Rings of sparkling optical prisms are grounded by a rough iron base in this statement chandelier that evokes the splendour of 1920s French Deco. Choose from three different sizes to bring that certain *je ne sais quoi* into your own home.

1920s Odeon Glass Fringe **CHANDELIER,** from $1,695 US, Restoration Hardware, restorationhardware.com.



Faceted **WALL CLOCK** in Black with gold hands, about $68, Raw Dezign, rawdezign.co.uk.

Each month, blogger and decor enthusiast Christine Dovey of Bijou and Boheme (bijouandboheme.blogspot.ca) reveals what's trending on the web.

Meet Hukkster (hukkster.com), a brand-new service that allows you to browse your favourite online shops and easily catalogue true-love items. Once you "hukk" something, the site will automatically notify you when that piece goes on sale – brilliant!

And speaking of brilliant, I'm more than a little enamoured by the bold creations of U.K.-based Raw Dezign, a design studio that finally managed to make wall clocks cool. The fact that the clocks' hands are available in gold is a bonus, but what I love most about them is their sculptural quality.

Along with gold, brass has made a comeback in a big way, and if you ask me, one of the best places to add a dash of this glamorous metal is in the kitchen. Nest Studio is the creation of blogger and interior designer Jessica Ahnert Davis, and her new hardware line is packed full of brass goodness with elements of lustworthy Lucite – simply divine!

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big storage

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KEY FEATURE
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Super-Capacity 3-door French Door **REFRIGERATOR** with Door-in-Door, $3,999, LG, lgdoorindoor.ca.

high tech

BRAND
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KEY FEATURE
A techie's dream is realized in this model, which features LED lighting and an LCD touch screen with preloaded apps.

Four-door French Door Wi-Fi Enabled **REFRIGERATOR,** $3,900, Samsung, samsung.ca.

water works

BRAND
GE Profile

KEY FEATURE
This innovative model has a hands-free water system with a pullout shelf to accommodate filling pots or pitchers.

GE Profile French Door Ice & Water **REFRIGERATOR,** $3,099, General Electric, geappliances.com.

design dream

BRAND
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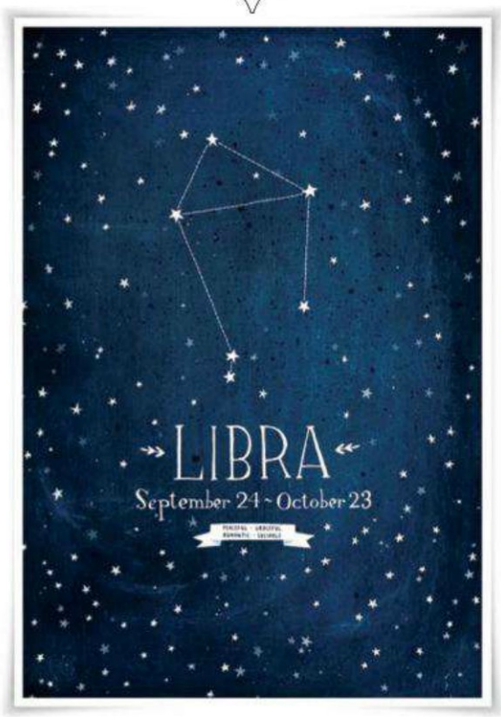
OUR INSPIRATION

A personalized zodiac constellation print from Montreal-based artist Evajuliet puts stars in our eyes.



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We're seeing stars this month with glowing products inspired by the night sky that'll make your style out of this world. **PRODUCER** AMANDA ETTY

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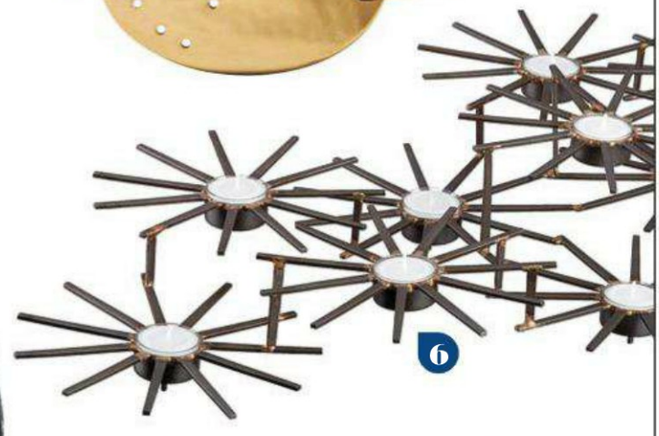

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1 Personalized Zodiac Constellation **PRINT,** $41, Evajuliet, evajuliet.etsy.com.

2 Small Constellation flush-mount **LIGHT FIXTURE,** $420 US, Circa Lighting, circalighting.com.

3 Night Sky **MAGNET,** $10, Tree Hollow Designs, treehollowdesigns.etsy.com.

4 Candice Olson Kids Constellation **WALLPAPER,** $43 per roll, York Wallcoverings, yorkwall.com.

5 Astrological Maps **BRACELET,** $52 US, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

6 Star 9 **CANDLE HOLDER,** $80, CB2, cb2.com.

7 Stars **SHEET SET,** from $79 US, The Land of Nod, landofnod.com.

8 Moon Collection It All Stars Here **DRESS,** $53 US, ModCloth, modcloth.com.

9 Star Egg **NIGHT LIGHT** in Midnight Blue, $165 US, J Schatz, jschatz.com.

10 Galaxy **SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS,** $50 US, Leif, leifshop.com.

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Sweet and crumbly cake with a pleasing plum taste makes for a tea time treat that's as pretty as it is delicious.

plum cake

THE ENGLISH KNOW THAT AFTERNOON TEA should be served with a light bite on the side. Made with the freshest stone fruit of the season and brightened with a hint of tart lemon, this simple plum cake's dainty flavours are the perfect companion for a spot of hot tea and a dollop of fresh cream. But careful, this ambrosial delight is *so* good, you'll be tempted to eat it all yourself!

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plum cake

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 6 TO 8

1 cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp salt
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
3 eggs
1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tsp lemon zest
4 plums, pitted and halved

1. TO MAKE THE CAKE, preheat the oven to 375°F and grease and flour one round 9" fluted springform pan.

2. IN A SMALL BOWL, sift together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; set aside.

3. USING AN ELECTRIC MIXER, beat the butter in a separate bowl until soft and fluffy. Slowly add the sugar, ¼ cup at a time, beating well after each addition.

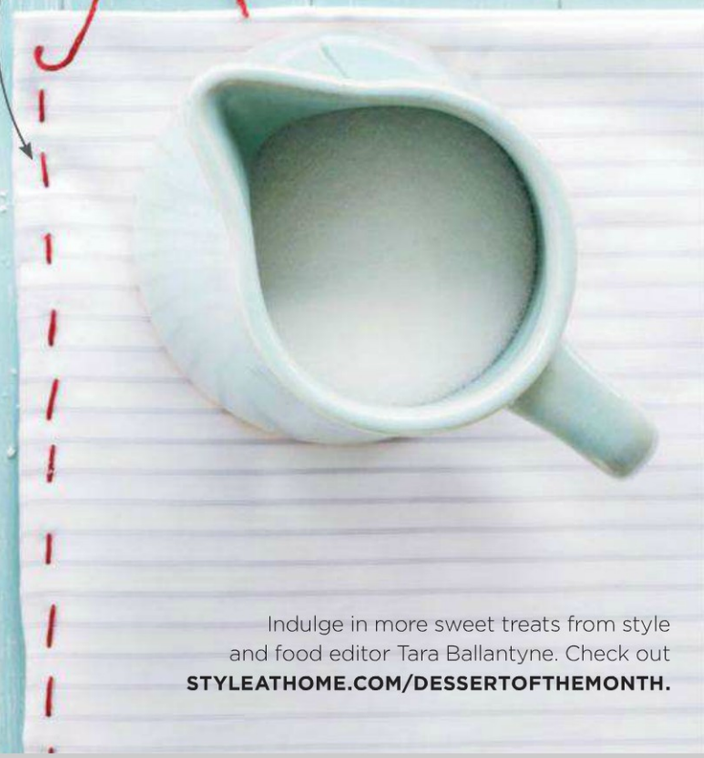
4. ADD THE EGGS, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the lemon juice and lemon zest and continue to beat. Once the wet ingredients are fully combined, slowly beat in the flour mixture until a batter is formed.

5. SPOON THE BATTER evenly into the prepared pan. Arrange the plums, skin side down, over the batter. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Transfer onto a rack and allow to cool before serving.

DIY DECOR

To add a personal touch to plain white napkins, sew a loose hand stitch along one side of the fabric in a contrasting colour. We chose red to complement the crimson hue of the plums.

PREP TIME 20 MINUTES



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BACON MARMALADE & CHEDDAR TOASTS

Serves: 10 • Prep time: 10 minutes • Cooking time: 15 minutes

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Slice baguette into forty 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick slices, discarding the heels. Place flat on prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with oil. Bake for 5 minutes or until lightly toasted.

3. Sprinkle with 8 Year-Old Canadian White Cheddar Cheese; bake another 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbling and toasts are crisp. Transfer toasts to a platter. Place small dollop of Bacon Marmalade Spread on each toast, dividing marmalade evenly. Top each with a piece of pear. Sprinkle with thyme and serve immediately.

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2 TBSP (25 ML) OLIVE OIL
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2/3 CUP (150 ML) PC® BLACK LABEL BACON MARMALADE SPREAD
1 BARTLETT PEAR (SKIN ON), CORED AND CUT IN 20 WEDGES, EACH WEDGE CUT IN HALF CROSSWISE
1/2 TSP (2 ML) FRESH THYME LEAVES

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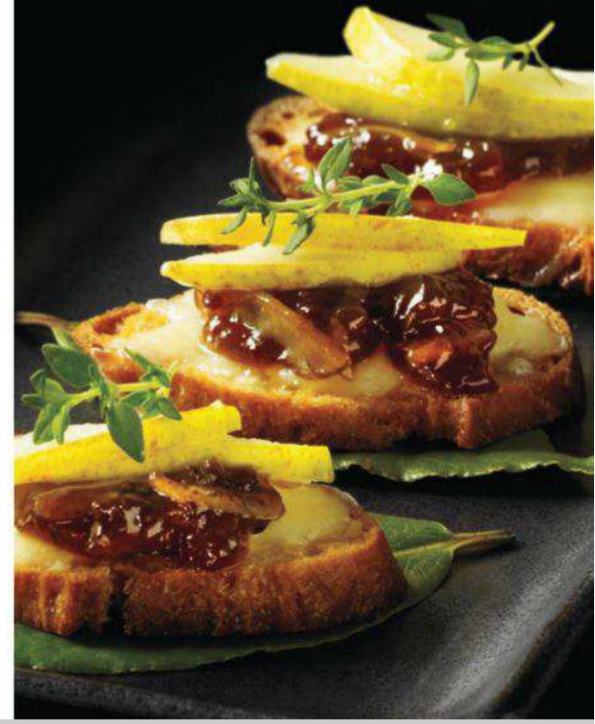
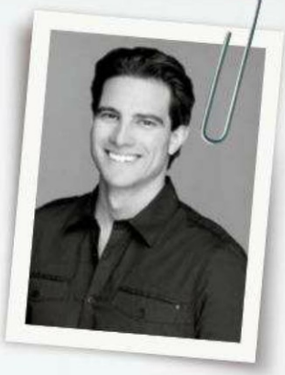




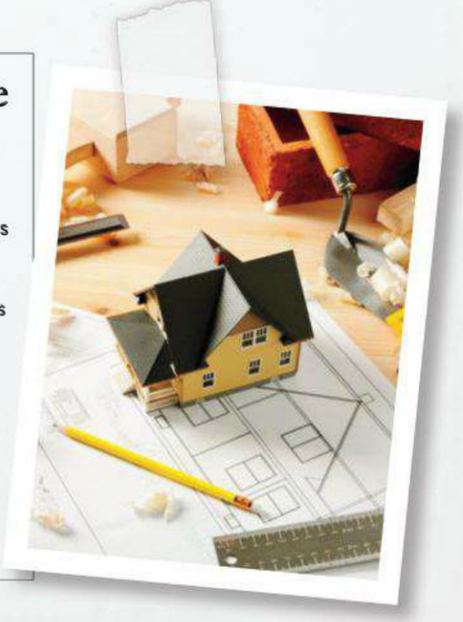
your home's history: PROPERTY SURVEYS

Each province has an Association of Land Surveyors. Contact your local office for more information.

Every home is imbued with unique stories of the past lives that were lived there, but finding out the legal history of your land, such as the boundaries, possible easements and rights-of-way, is essential if you want to renovate or rebuild. Here are some tips to help you out. **TEXT** SCOTT MCGILLIVRAY

why should you have a survey done?

The details of your property's boundaries is information that every homeowner should have. Land surveys that are used for residential homes are called Surveyor's Real Property Reports and are illustrated documents that show exactly where your home sits and where any improvements, such as renos, additional buildings, decks, driveways or pools, have been made. Since a land survey is legally binding, it can be relied on if anything is ever questioned in a real estate deal, whether by the bank, mortgage company or the local municipality.



how does a survey protect you?

If you're planning a large-scale renovation in which the footprint of your home will change, you need to complete a land survey. While the cost can be anywhere from a few hundred to several thousand dollars (depending on the size of your lot, types of natural features on your land and the age of your property), the investment could save you money in any possible future land disputes. Building a fence, for example, is often a point of contention between even the best of neighbours and knowing exact land boundaries is critical so that your fence isn't installed a foot into your neighbour's yard. The lesson here is that building permits alone are not enough and having a professional survey completed by a registered land surveying company is a smart and necessary additional investment.

how long does a survey last?

Surveys don't have an expiration date but if you inherited one with your home, you may want to have it updated. Surveys are like a snapshot of your property and every time you or your immediate neighbours add or change something, like a fence, deck, pool or an extension, a survey is a must. If you're buying a property, money lenders might even request a current land survey as part of their financing conditions, so it's best to be prepared at all costs. On the other hand, if you're planning on selling your home and you think that an interested buyer might be inclined to renovate or rebuild, offering a completed land survey as part of the deal might be something to consider.

Scott McGillivray is the host of HGTV's *Income Property*. Catch back-to-back episodes Thursdays at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on HGTV.

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ray of light

TEXT & STYLING MICHAEL PENNEY | PHOTOGRAPHY VIRGINIA MACDONALD

The late, great Canadian interior design icon **Ray Staples** had a signature style that remains timeless to this day. Designer Michael Penney reflects upon her no-holds-barred approach in this Oshawa, Ont., home.

Mixing and matching is key to creating a dynamic look. In the dining room, glamorous lacquered Chinese Chippendale chairs surround a modern marble table, with an organic chandelier above.

DINING TABLE, Art Shoppe; **RUG,** gold **BOWLS,** Elte; custom **SEAT CUSHIONS,** Penney & Company.

Ask me what my favourite colour is and I'll tell you it's green. Ask me why and I'll tell you that the reason is Ray Staples. When I was 12 years old, watching Home Day on Citytv's *CityLine* with Marilyn Denis, a woman in the audience asked that day's guest, Ray Staples, what colour she should paint her room. "Honey, if you can't decide which colour to go with, use green," Ray answered flatly. "God used it everywhere and if it's good enough for him, it's good enough for you." Genius, I thought. And green has been my colour ever since.

I'm not the only young designer who has been influenced by the great Ray. For years, in big ways and in small, she has left her mark on the Canadian design scene, splashing its sometimes-bland landscape with every colour of the rainbow in homes both humble and highbrow.

One such example of her inimitable style exists still unaltered after 30 years in the Oshawa, Ont., home of Marilyn and John Sciuk. As a young married couple, they had approached the designer to decorate their first home – a suburban box in need of panache. With a tip of her trademark wide-brimmed hat, Ray set about adding grasscloth, mirrors, zebra print and marble to create a space that was comfortable, sophisticated and anything but box-like and boring.

Thirty years later, the couple's suburban living room still feels like a New York City apartment wrapped in warm, textural grasscloth wallpaper. Floor-to-ceiling mirrors break up the long wall, adding glamour and sparkle. And the room's pièce de résistance – the bold zebra-print sofa – adds contrast and raw energy. Next to the

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sofa, a pair of traditional bèrgere chairs are upholstered in a slubby silk that mimics the wallpaper's texture.

Balancing drama and sophistication, Ray allowed for statement pieces, such as the sofa, to take centre stage while supporting characters, like the sidechairs, side table and rug, recede. The artwork – a colourful flutter of butterflies encased in a Lucite frame – was the homeowner's pick but received Ray's coveted thumbs-up because the designer herself was so often inspired by nature.

Ray's natural inspiration is evidenced in the dining room's earthy elements: a chandelier of shed antlers and a deep green marble table. The black lacquered Chinese Chippendale chairs stand out against the ornately carved antique sideboard. Rough with fine, high with low, new with old, these disparate elements combine to create Ray's signature mix.

Three decades have passed and the Sciuks' home more than stands the test of time. Classic forms, unexpected combinations and a few bold gestures assemble to define a space that is inviting and inspiring, speaking to the legacy of this designer who knew no limits.

The living room balances timeless pieces with bold colour and texture. A clean-lined sofa upholstered in an animal print, butterfly artwork and grasscloth wallpaper highlight designer Ray Staples's love of nature.

SIDE TABLE, large **TABLE LAMP,** Joan Eiley; **RUG, TOSS CUSHIONS, BOWLS,** Elte.

PORTRAIT, JANET BAILEY

ray days

AN OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IN RAY STAPLES'S LIFE.

Nov. 12, 1919
Ray Staples was born in Ottawa, Ont.

1930s
Studied at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts; returned to Toronto to work as a muralist and illustrator.

1950s
Studied at Parsons (now called Parsons the New School of Design) in New York City.

1960s
After returning to Toronto, called herself the Room Doctor and travelled to clients' houses, charging $25 for each room diagnosis she gave.

1972 to 1973
Co-hosted *Outside/Inside* with Alex Trebek.

1974
Named President of ARIDO (Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario).

1990s
Spent years as popular guest on Citytv's *CityLine* Home Day with Marilyn Denis.

Jul. 16, 2012
Passed away in Toronto at the age of 93.

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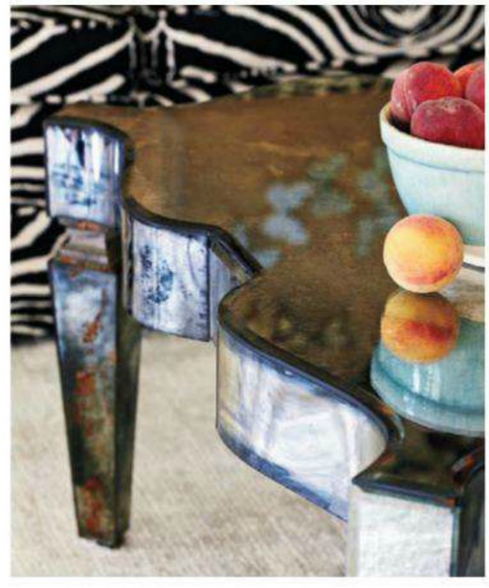
SIDEBOARD, Shaw-Pezzo.

BELOW After a frustrating search for a new living room coffee table yielded lacklustre results, Ray gave homeowners Marilyn and John Sciuk the curvaceous mirrored coffee table straight out of her own home.

BELOW RIGHT Classic elements, such as a candlestick lamp (designed by Ray) and a bergère chair, are the foundation of a sophisticated room with exotic touches.

Bergère **CHAIR,** Shaw-Pezzo; **SIDE TABLE,** Teatro Verde.



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If you love a look, don't hold back. Diving into the deep end of your design dreams will give you a room that feels complete and well pulled together.

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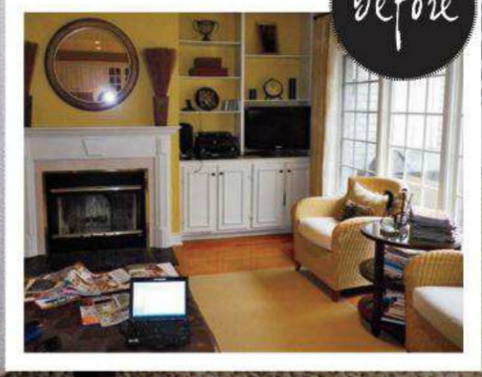
Texture appeals as much to the eye as it does to our fingertips. The sisal rug, woven chairs, linen sofas and the grasscloth lining the backs of the bookshelves are subtle touches that stimulate our senses.

3

My client's sofas are quality pieces that she invested in years ago. Though the fabric was dated, the sofas had beautiful proportions and were the right scale for the room. By removing the skirts, squaring off the arms and recovering them in a hard-wearing off-white linen, the sofas were given a new lease on life.



• NATURAL instinct

TEXT SAMANTHA SACKS
PHOTOGRAPHY ANGUS FERGUSSON

Toronto designer Samantha Sacks deconstructs her client's living and dining rooms with 15 take-away lessons.

Every great design story begins with a great client, and the owner of this 2,200-square-foot tract house at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in suburban Toronto is no exception. Though the family room was filled with builder-basic finishes, from flimsy bookshelves to a dated brass fireplace box, and washed-out chenille sofas, my client knew what she liked – and the moment she uttered the words "animal prints" and confessed her passion, I knew we were a perfect pair.

With a few deft edits and loads of fashionable fabrics and accessories, we created a safari-chic space that's high on design while remaining kickback-cool for this family of four. Here are 15 ideas that helped us get there.

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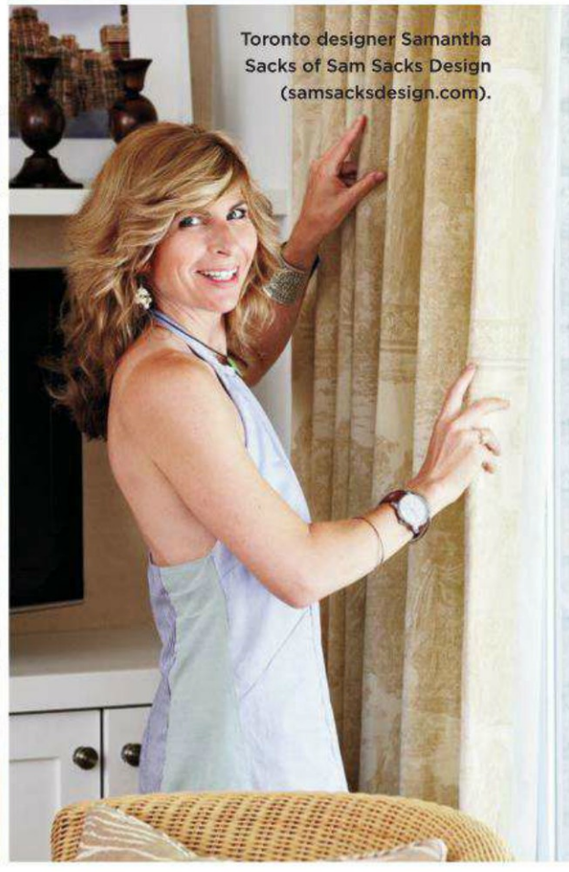

Toronto designer Samantha Sacks of Sam Sacks Design (samsacksdesign.com).

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Wallpapering the backs of the bookshelves in grasscloth is a visual treat. It's unexpected and it doesn't scream "Look at me" – instead it whispers "Take a closer look and you'll be pleasantly surprised."

5

Family snapshots are perfectly suitable, but nothing compares to the mastery of a real virtuoso. There are several online curators representing emerging artists offering expert works at affordable prices.

6

The built-in bookshelves just needed a minor facelift. Beefing up the shelves, squaring off their profiles and replacing the dated cabinet doors with a Shaker silhouette and new hardware paid off in spades.

7

Rather than tearing out the entire fireplace box, which was still in very good condition, the brass trim was simply painted black to match the front of the box, instantly giving it a sleek, modern appearance.

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Giving cherished pieces like these vintage hardcovers pride of place on the ottoman and then juxtaposing them with modern accessories adds character and a lived-in feel without looking dated.

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Pattern play is what keeps this living room from reading one note. Kudu on zebra with a little ikat thrown in for good measure on the toss cushions lends interest and exotic flair to the space.

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There's nothing that brings colour, texture and life to a room quite like fresh flowers. A few blooming stems here and a few leafy branches there – both culled from the garden – wake up any spot without costing a penny.

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In a monochromatic room, more is more. Layering rugs on top of rugs, toss cushions on top of toss cushions and decorative *objets* on top of books provides dimension and a sense of completeness.

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A neutral room needs depth, and that depth comes from contrast. The dark brown leather on the ottoman, the black stripes of the faux zebra rug and the rich mock-tortoiseshell side table help ground the space.

13

The original mustard wall colour was too warm for the new neutral scheme and would have muddied the rich browns and soft taupes. The cream colour is now the perfect backdrop for the jungle of prints and textures.

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With the bamboo blinds kept intact, the windows in the dining area were given some much-needed presence by using the same black rods and drapery panel fabric as in the living room.

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The existing wrought iron light fixture above the dining table was overly traditional. It was replaced with a transitional one that echoes the table's shape and better complements the scale of the room.

Muslin OC-12 **WALL PAINT,** Cloud White CC-40 **TRIM PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; sisal **RUG,** Elte; faux zebra **RUG,** Perfect Leather Goods; **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC,** Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; tripod **FLOOR LAMP,** HomeSense; **LIGHT FIXTURE** (in dining area), Lighting Originals; young pen shell **SIDE TABLE,** faux shagreen **TRAY,** brown glass **VASE,** Detail.

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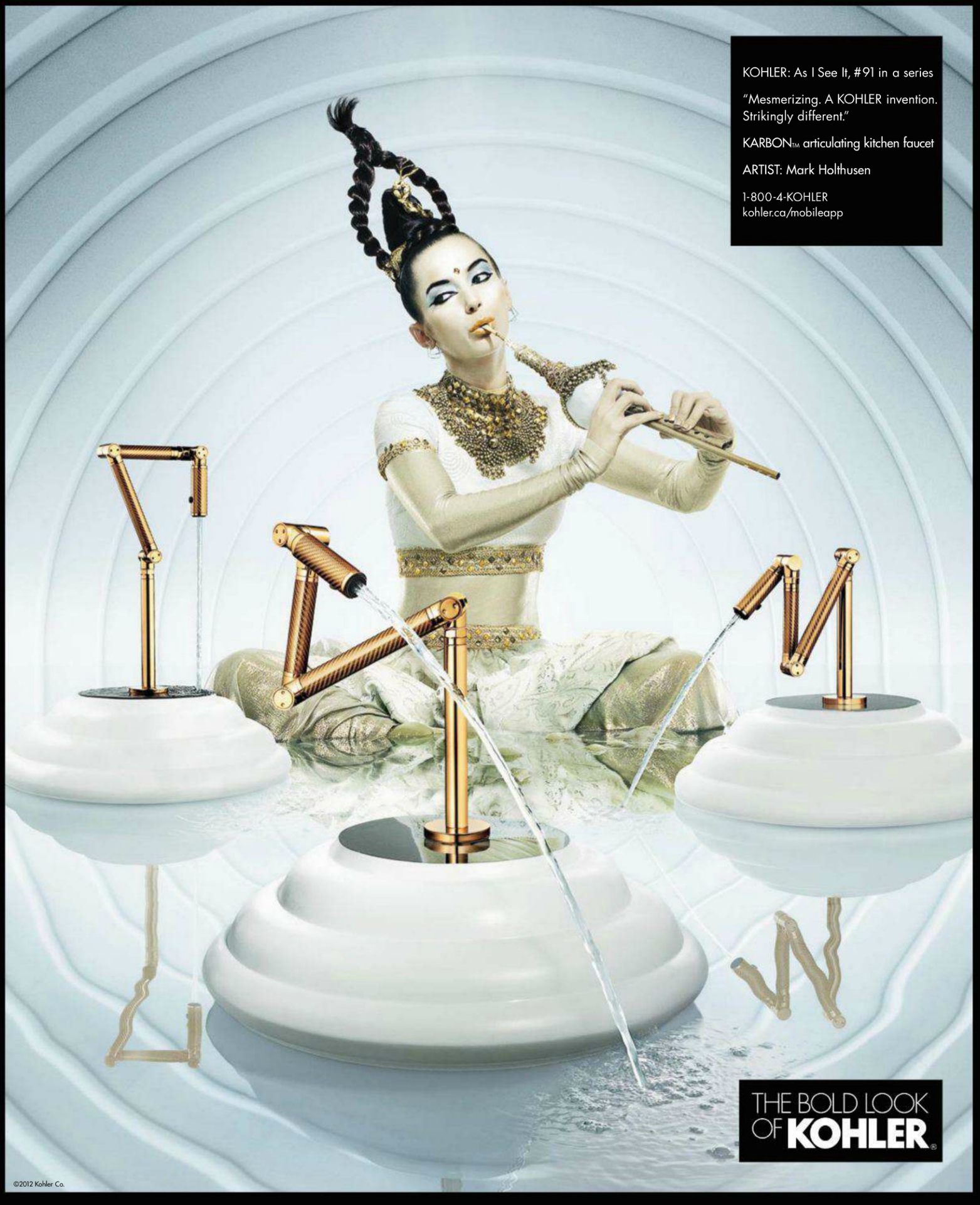
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WHEN IT RAN
October 2010

WHY WE LOVE IT
This dressing area was designed to maximize every square inch of an awkward, unused space and add practical storage solutions. The Art Deco-inspired wallpaper animates the mostly neutral space with pattern, while high-gloss cabinets, a row of pretty chandeliers and a glass table lamp add a luxe factor.

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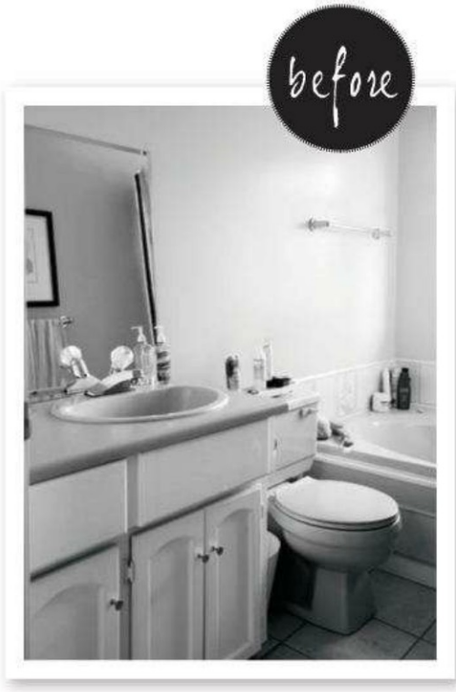

WHEN IT RAN
October 2009

WHY WE LOVE IT
Modern meets country in this bathroom, which fits the farmhouse-style home it resides in to a T. To stay on budget, big box store pieces were paired with touches of character, including turquoise-painted wood plank flooring and whimsical artwork, which contribute to the room's cheery aesthetic.

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WHEN IT RAN
June 2009

WHY WE LOVE IT

Visible from other areas of the house, this laundry room incorporates closeted appliances, a comfy built-in bench and a charming farmhouse sink to make it look and feel less like a workroom. Black hardware and fixtures, as well as the original wood trim and the solid wood countertop repurposed from an old pine door, create a calm and collected feel.

before

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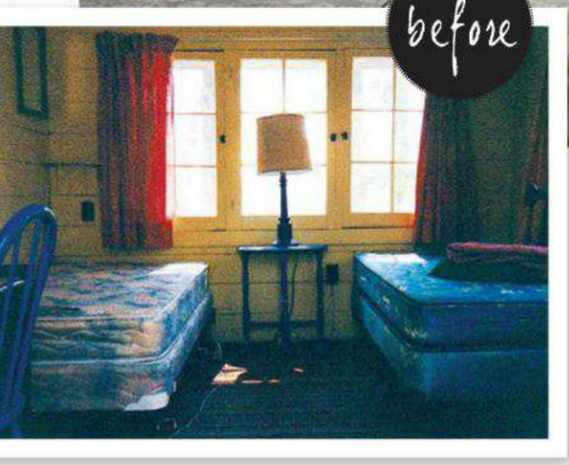
WHEN IT RAN
Summer 1999

WHY WE LOVE IT
Nature sets the mood in this rustic guest cabin. The pale blue and cream colour scheme echoes the natural beauty of the lake and sky. The mix of patterns, including stripes, paisleys and florals, successfully lends a relaxed cottage-style vibe to the space.



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WHEN IT RAN
January 2011

WHY WE LOVE IT
A bold, contemporary mix of colour and graphic pattern stands out in this traditional Arts and Crafts dining room. The round pedestal table, painted in high-gloss navy blue, is unique for a formal dining area and plays well with the sunny yellow dining chairs.

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WHEN IT RAN
February 2011

WHY WE LOVE IT
Because the panelled walls were painted a daring raspberry pink, everything else was kept neutral. Interest and glamour were added through different materials: glass, mirror, velvet and silk.

| 5 FABULOUS |

HIGH OR LOW ROOMS

WHEN IT RAN
July 2007

WHY WE LOVE IT
This pretty porch evokes the romantic feel of days gone by. Elements such as the sheer drapery, plush toss cushions and simple lanterns have us yearning for a good book and a free afternoon.

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WHEN IT RAN
September 2009

WHY WE LOVE IT

This kids' play area is just plain cute! It's colourful and fun without being too babyish, which means it can effortlessly transition from a toddler to a big-kid room.

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WHEN IT RAN
July 2006

WHY WE LOVE IT
The rustic, cottage-style look of this summer games retreat is still popular today – and it's not likely to be outdated anytime soon, thanks to the use of neutral furniture and natural materials.

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WHEN IT RAN
January 2010

WHY WE LOVE IT
The juxtaposition of modern and rustic makes for a winter cabin that doesn't feel cold. At play are cozy accessories, such as the shag rug and chunky knits, and sleek pieces like the ghost chair.

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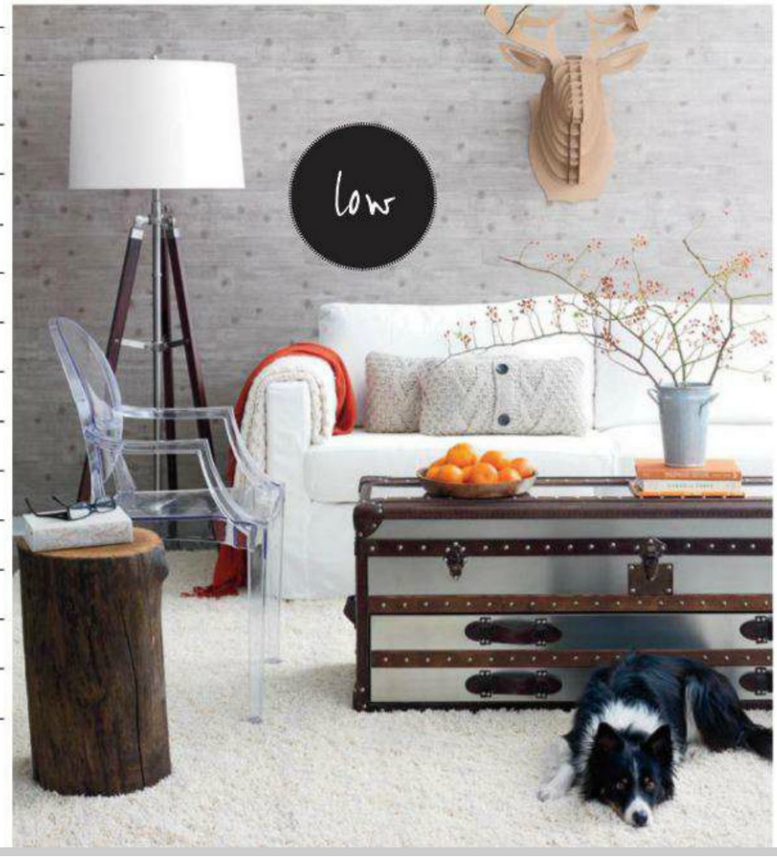

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KITCHENS

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WHEN IT RAN
Spring 2007

WHY WE LOVE IT

Modern farmhouse-style kitchens, with their signature combination of warm grey, punches of black and wood tones, aren't losing steam. This kitchen, featuring grey cabinetry, a turned-leg prep table and Victorian-era fireplace, looks just as fresh now as it did five years ago.

WHEN IT RAN
February 2011

WHY WE LOVE IT

The balance between modern and traditional elements is seamless in this show-stopping kitchen because of the layers of cream, white and grey, which at first glance may look monochromatic but, on closer inspection, reveal a lot of variation. The expanse of grey-toned marble looks like a work of art against the warm white backdrop.

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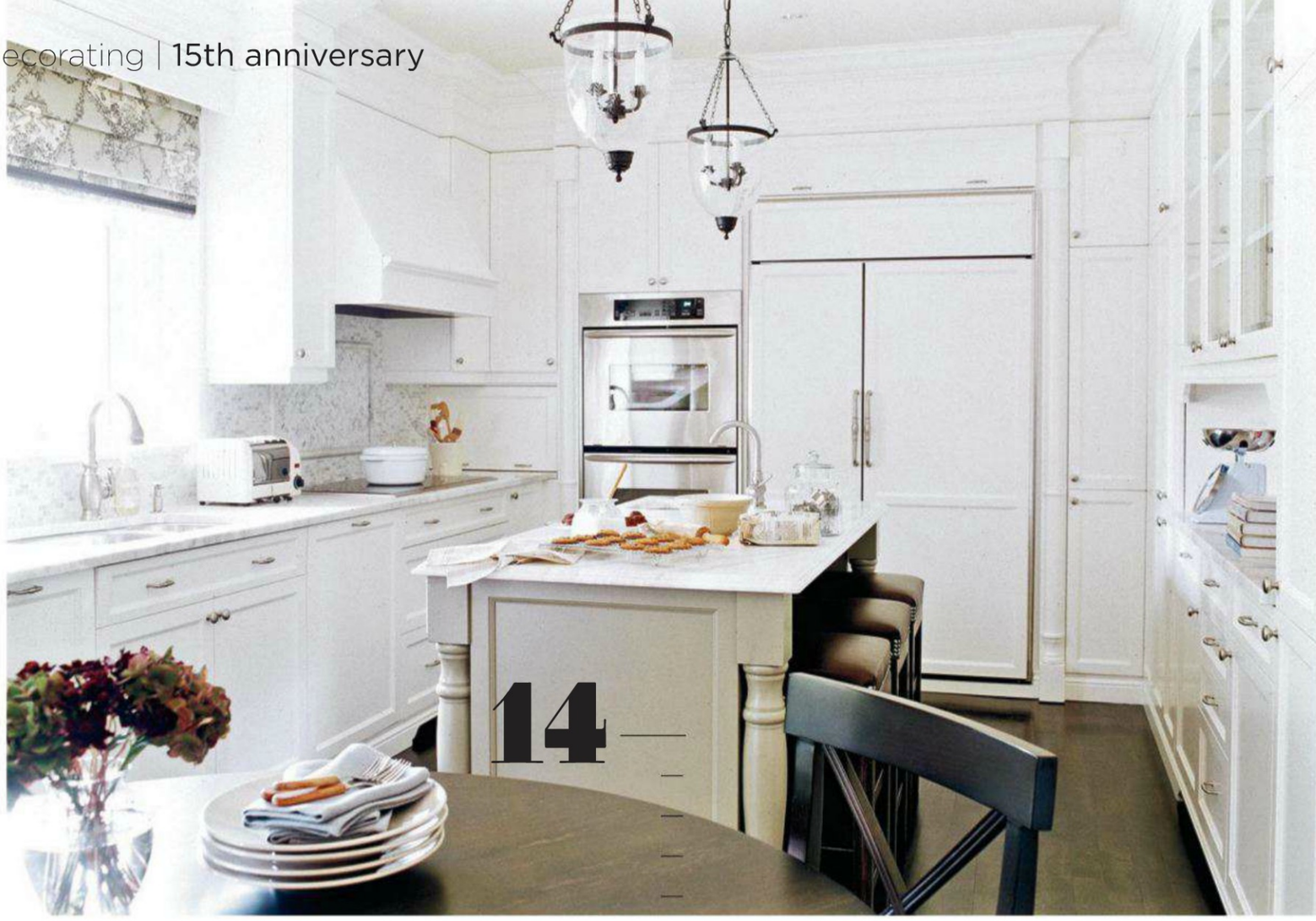
WHEN IT RAN
September 2000

WHY WE LOVE IT

Doubling as a family room, this cozy kitchen is a place to display collected treasures. The glass-panelled upper cabinets act as a curio case, housing precious heirlooms. Beadboard panelling installed to plate rail height provides room for open shelving and artwork, while a diagonally laid terracotta tile border keeps the lines on the floor from looking too rigid.



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WHEN IT RAN
September 2006

WHY WE LOVE IT

This family kitchen takes everyone into account – not just the grown-ups – with its easy-to-access cupboards and roomy island. The white-on-white scheme is bright and airy and still trendy today, as is the beige island with turned legs that looks like a stand-alone piece of furniture.

WHEN IT RAN
October 1999

WHY WE LOVE IT

The traditional style of this kitchen is tempered with modern stainless steel appliances and pendant lights. The cabinetry's glass panels are a standout feature – they look like leaded glass windows and break up the expanse of cream. The warm, neutral palette means that the ornate detailing doesn't overwhelm the space.

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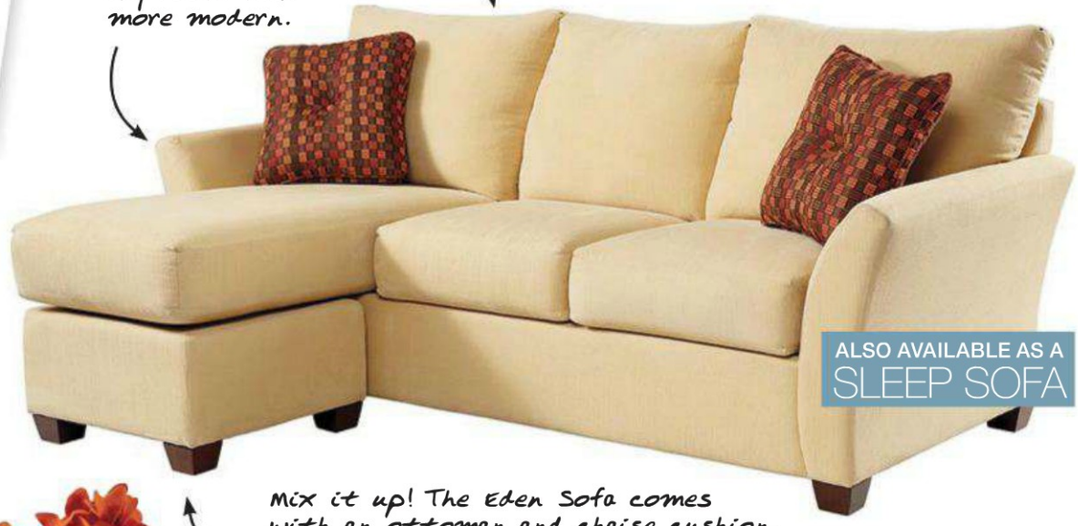

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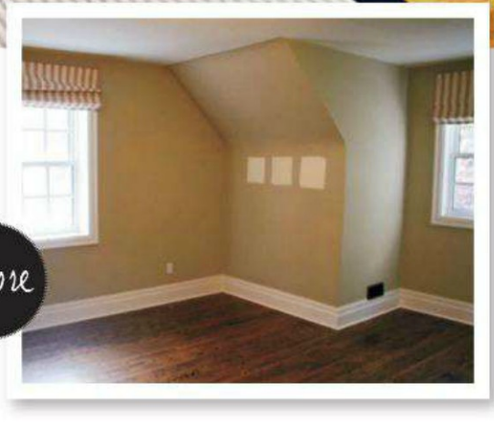
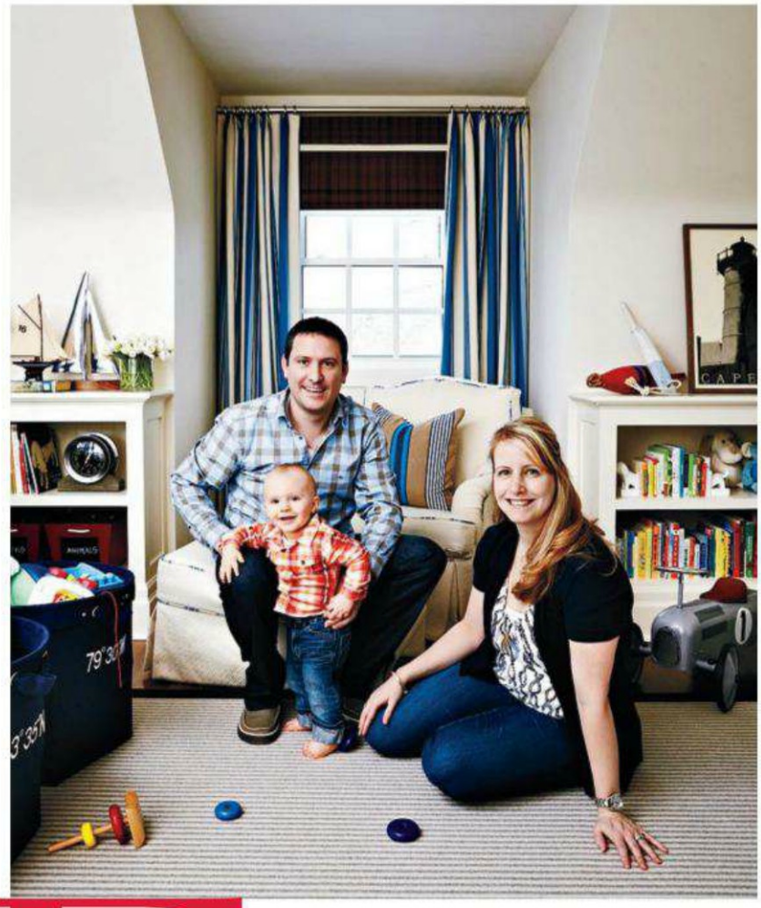
BELOW The wallpaper sets the perfectly boyish-but-not-babyish nautical tone in the room. Canvas floor baskets are stitched with the geographical coordinates of the family's previous home for a sentimental – and sailorly – spot to stash baby Max's toys.

DESIGN, Feasby & Bleeks Design, feasbyandbleeks.com; Ralph Lauren Chesapeake Novelty **WALLPAPER,** Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; Navajo White OC-95 **WALL & TRIM PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; custom built-in **SHELVES,** Robertson Woodworking.

RIGHT Designer Erin Feasby, her husband, Sam Ventresca, and their baby, Max, in the nursery. Striped drapes and woven blinds with a blackout liner ensure long, peaceful naps. Erin and Sam picked up the buoys for the nursery on a final trip to Cape Cod before Max was born.

Jubilee **RUG,** Cortenaer, Wool Carpet; swivel **GLIDER, OTTOMAN, DRAPERY HARDWARE,** Restoration Hardware; **DRAPERY SEWING,** Wesley Seto Design; glider & ottoman **SLIPCOVER SEWING,** Pat Walker.





For a designer who's expecting, there's a powerful motivating factor for learning the sex long before the baby arrives: the all-important nursery decor. When Erin Feasby of Toronto's Feasby & Bleeks Design learned she was having a boy, it meant that she and husband Sam Ventresca could indulge their love of East Coast nautical style that they'd long admired. "Sam and I love New England and that whole preppy Ralph Lauren look, and we knew we wanted to incorporate that feeling into the room," says Erin.

With plenty of input from Sam, she set to work pulling together a handsome boy's room with creamy white walls, navy and wood accents and lots of baby-friendly features. Then, when baby Max was eight months old, the new family of three moved into a larger home. Rather than start from scratch, the nursery design stayed the same, albeit in a bigger space. With a bit more breathing room, Erin pushed the decor even further and decided to put up a striking navy wallpaper with a sailboat's blueprint motif on one wall of the room. "I wanted the baby's room to be something that would grow with him," says Erin. To prevent the bold pattern from overwhelming the 14-by-16-foot space, the other three walls were painted in a creamy shade of white.

A pair of low shelves were built in to flank the room's dormer window. "Storage is key in children's rooms – otherwise they can get pretty cluttered," Erin attests. The tops of the shelves are reserved for items on display where little hands can't reach them, while the bottoms offer spots at Max's level for his favourite books and toys.

The modern crib – a hand-me-down from Erin's best friend and business partner, Cindy Bleeks – gives a nod to Mid-Century Modern style in the room. The base of the crib, once a blonde wood, was restained in a dark walnut to echo the wood tones elsewhere in the space, and the trend was continued in

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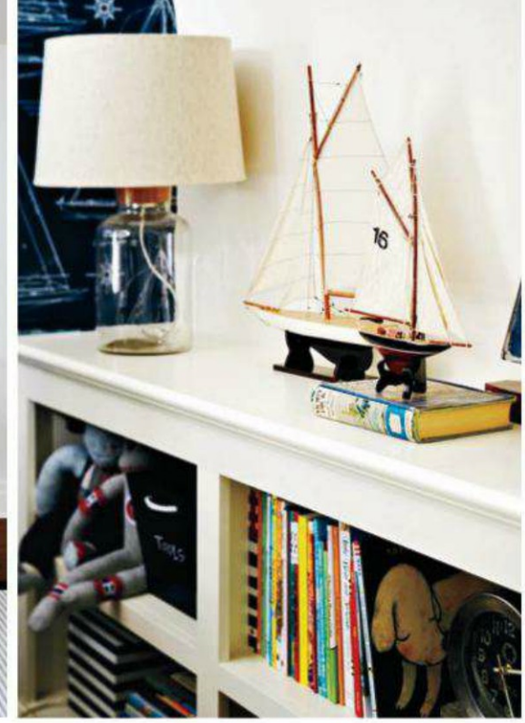

ABOVE, LEFT The alphabet prints on the wall over the crib are a fun learning tool that look great, too. Erin used inexpensive silver frames and removed the glass for safety. The mod crib gives the room a contemporary edge. Erin suggests keeping crib bedding simple rather than letting it dictate the room's design, since it's usually not very visible.

Alphabet **PRINTS,** Michaels; Mahult **FRAMES,** IKEA; **CRIB BEDDING,** Pottery Barn Kids.

ABOVE, RIGHT A collection of model sailboats gathered over the years found a home in the nursery. The new built-in shelves were designed by Erin to appear as though they'd always been there.

Glass **TABLE LAMP,** chalk **BINS,** HomeSense.

LEFT The height of the long dresser works perfectly as a change table but is a sophisticated piece that can stay with Max well into adolescence. The map over the dresser is an inexpensive boating chart that Sam and Erin picked up in Cape Cod and had framed.

Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams Hughes **DRESSER, BEDDING,** Elte; Provenance Woven Wood **BLINDS,** Hunter Douglas Canada; **FRAMING** (of map), Elgin Picture & Frame; striped **TOSS CUSHIONS,** HomeSense.

> "I wanted the baby's room to be something that would grow with him."
>
> ERIN FEASBY, HOMEOWNER & DESIGNER

the white and walnut dresser, its height allowing it to act as a makeshift change table. Against the accent wall, an antique spool bed that belonged to Erin's grandmother was added to act as a cozy spot to curl up and read; it will convert into the perfect full-time bed once Max has grown out of his crib.

Rather than settle for the typical utilitarian nursery glider, Erin sought out an elegant William Birch-style armchair that glides and swivels, with a matching ottoman. Both were slipcovered in a soft cream matelassé, with contrasting piping in the same varied blue stripe as the drapery fabric. Linen slipcovers await the day that the chair and ottoman move out of Max's room, making them versatile pieces that will last longer than his baby days.

But for now it looks like the glider will get a lot more use, and soon. Recently, Max became a big brother. And the gender reveal held an extra-special surprise this time: twin girls! There's no doubt the family's new nursery will be every bit as lovely.

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A conversion kit turns this crib into a single bed.

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Did the stork deliver a bundle of joy wrapped in pink? If girls are made of sugar, spice and everything nice, then we think their nurseries should be just as sweet! The whimsical patterns and pretty pastels in these fun baby must-haves add the perfect amount of feminine glamour for today's little lady.

1 Oly Petite Hanna **CHAIR & OTTOMAN** in Pink Lattice, from $1,300, South Hill Home, southhillhome.com. **2** Melon Collection **CRIB,** from $999, Dutailier, dutailier.com. **3** Les Triplettes Cloud **TOSS CUSHIONS,** from $34, Mini Bulles, minibulles.ca. **4** Fresco Chrome **HIGH CHAIR** in Rosey Pink, from $550, Bloom, bloombaby.com. **5** Larkspur **DIAPER BAG** in Orange Ikat, $125, and **BOTTLE BAG** in Orange Ikat, $30, Pottery Barn Kids, potterybarnkids.com. **6** Now I Know My ABC's **PLATES & MUGS,** $26 per pair, Rosanna, rosannainc.com. **7** Lulu DK Child for Schumacher Macaroni **FABRIC** in Punch/Coral, $144 per yard, Jungle Jubilee **FABRIC** in Punch, $160 per yard, and Lollipop **FABRIC** in Punch/Turquoise, $164 per yard, through designers, Bilbrough & Co., bilbroughs.com.

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RURAL chic

A country kitchen gets a savvy makeover that melds traditional inspiration with contemporary style.

Placed beneath an original seven-foot-high window, the new apron sink affords a view of the rolling farmland beyond. "We chose to forgo window coverings," explains homeowner Briony Wilson, "because the setting is extremely private and we love the clean lines of the large-scale windows."

Cornforth White 228 **WALL PAINT,** Strong White 2001 **TRIM PAINT,** Pavilion Gray 242 **CABINETRY PAINT,** Farrow & Ball; Akurum **CABINETS,** Ramsjö **CABINET DOORS,** Gravyr **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** HanStone Quartz **COUNTERTOPS** through IKEA in Aurora Snow, Domsjö double apron **SINK,** Foto **PENDANT LIGHT** (painted), Ingolf **STOOL,** glass Slom **BOTTLES,** glass Gottis **SERVING BOWL,** IKEA.

THE ALUMINUM PENDANT LIGHT ABOVE THE SINK PROVIDES USEFUL TASK LIGHTING; IT WAS MADE OVER WITH BLACK BARBECUE PAINT THAT COMPLEMENTS THE DARKER ACCENTS IN THE ROOM.

before

The Fergus, Ont., farmhouse kitchen of Briony Wilson and her partner is a lively exercise in balance: It pays homage to the room's 1865 origins while still boasting a functional layout and a short list of modern conveniences. Four years ago, however, the tableau was entirely different. "When we bought the home in 2008, the kitchen was a visual hash," says Briony. "Appliances were in the wrong places, there was little counter space and it was a hodgepodge of materials." Still, it wasn't a complete writeoff. The room's generous Georgian-like proportions (13.5 by 25 feet with 9.5-foot-high ceilings) and original large-scale windows testified to its good bones and won the couple over. →

LEFT, TOP Keeping accessories to one colour – black – creates a more cohesive look.

Bigarrå **PLANT POTS & SAUCERS** (used as bowls), IKEA.

LEFT, BOTTOM A wall of Indiana limestone acts as a contrasting backdrop to fire-resistant iron shelves that display family heirlooms.

SHELVES, Iron Age; Bigarrå **POT, WATERING CAN, CANDLE HOLDER,** IKEA.

BELOW A new wood-burning stove and new black slate tiles look like they could be an original feature. "We use the stove a lot in the winter to supplement our geothermal heating system," says Briony. "We love it. It's cheery, throws out tons of heat and is cost-effective, too."

Ingatorp **DINING TABLE,** Norden **BENCH** (painted), Henriksdal **CHAIR** (slipcovered), IKEA; Railings 31 **BENCH PAINT,** Farrow & Ball; linen Cloud Brera Fino **CHAIR SLIPCOVER,** Bemz; **FLOORING,** Century Wood Products; slate **FLOOR TILES,** Olympia Tile & Stone.

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Shaker-style IKEA cabinets custom-painted dove grey (a subtle reference to the stone farmhouse's exterior) are fitted to the ceiling and around appliances to maximize storage. To avoid looking too "new," the backsplash was tiled in three different shades for a rich, layered effect.

Ceramic **BACKSPLASH TILES,** Olympia Tile & Stone; Renlig integrated **DISHWASHER,** Nutid S23 **REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER,** Nutid **INDUCTION COOKTOP, MICROWAVE OVEN & CONVECTION OVEN,** grey Skänka **POT,** glass Slom **JARS,** white **PLATES, CANDLE HOLDER,** IKEA; **POT FILLER FAUCET,** Delta Faucet; **CORBELS,** The Timeless Material Co.

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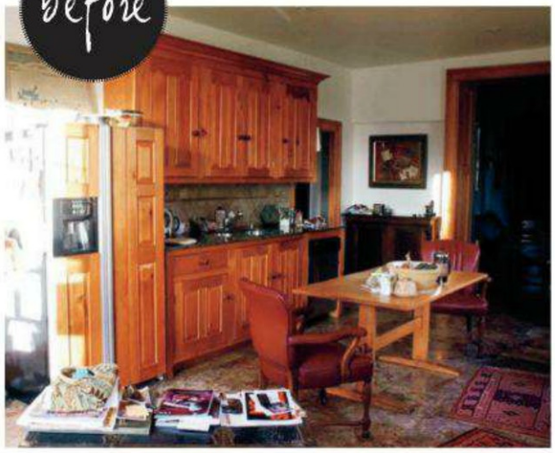

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"What I love about this makeover is that it shows that a country kitchen doesn't need to be just wood or white beadboard."

JESSICA WAKS, *STYLE AT HOME* DESIGN EDITOR

LEFT The newly increased countertop space allows for useful little extras like potted fresh herbs and a rustic cutting board that can be left out on display when not in use.

Galvanized metal Socker **POTS,** IKEA.

ABOVE Mixing family heirlooms into the decor gives off that lived-in vibe that everyone loves.

White Trivsam **GRAVY BOAT,** IKEA.

BELOW Opting for a dark grout colour has its benefits: It hides dirt well and allows the tiles to stand out visually.

White Sockerärt **VASE,** Smarta **PIE PLATE,** Björkna **SERVING BOWL,** IKEA.

To realize the home's potential, the couple enlisted the *Style at Home* design team. Briony says, "Aesthetically, we wanted to do something sympathetic to the old house without necessarily being historically accurate. My partner is a traditionalist, while I'm more contemporary, so it had to feel like a country kitchen but have clean lines."

With the style equation formulated, the existing rust-coloured Mexican limestone floor tiles were nixed in favour of reclaimed wooden boards, the outdated cupboards were replaced with IKEA cabinetry and the old appliances were upgraded with sleek, energy-efficient ones – even a new bar sink and wine fridge were added. The biggest structural challenge was relocating the kitchen sink to the opposite wall, which had no plumbing but a vista-friendly, south-facing window. Briony laughs and says, "I wanted to be able to look at our horses while doing the dishes."

While the design team helped check off all the couple's wish-list boxes, Briony feels the best part isn't the new and improved elements but rather the overall effect. "Our house is an amazing old building, so we didn't want the reno to look obviously 2012. Now we have a kitchen that will age gracefully with the house, becoming a part of it."

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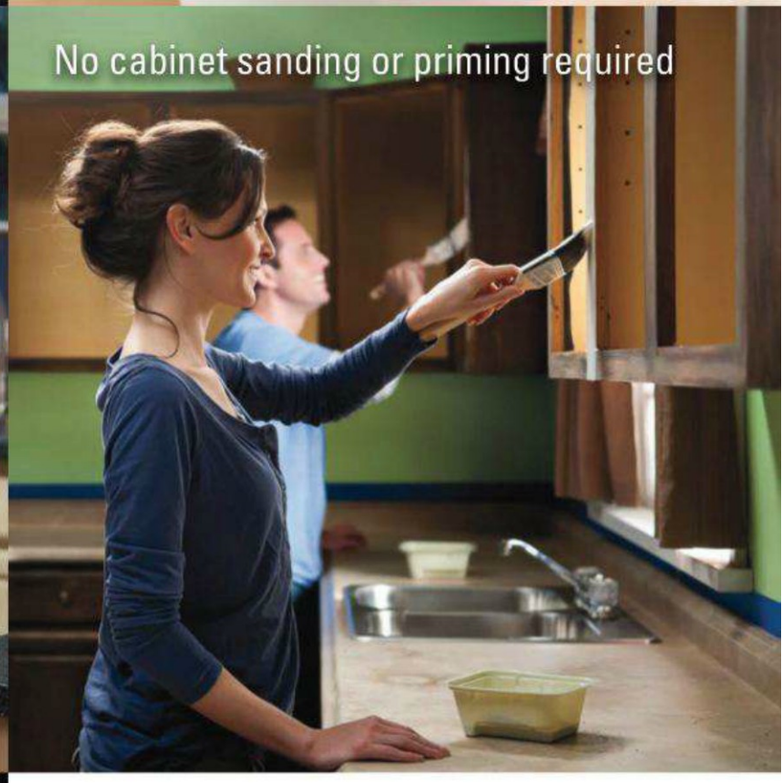

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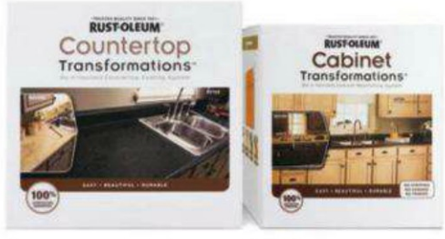

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1 large eggplant, cubed
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10 large sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
2 dried chili peppers, crushed (optional)
Salt to taste
3 cups (750 mL) tomato purée
¾ lb. (375 g) mozzarella cheese, shredded
¾ lb. smoked scamorza cheese, roughly chopped
½ cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, for sprinkling
½ cup freshly grated Asiago cheese, for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Boil water and cook pasta. Heat saucepan over medium-high heat. Add extra-virgin olive oil and garlic, sauté until light brown. Add eggplant, olives, sun-dried tomatoes and chili peppers. Sauté until eggplant is soft and slightly golden. Then add salt and tomato purée. Simmer 5–10 minutes.
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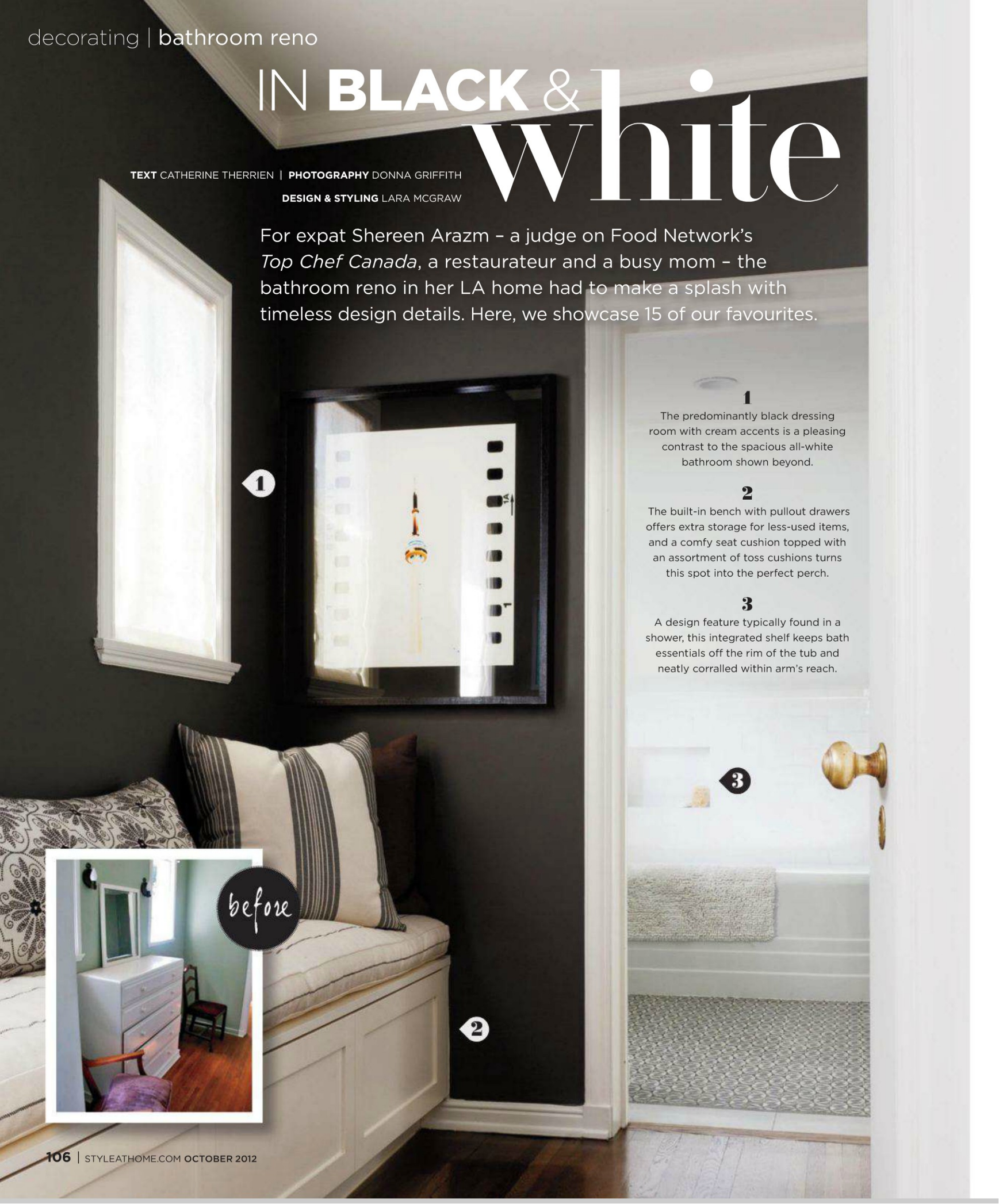
For expat Shereen Arazm – a judge on Food Network's *Top Chef Canada*, a restaurateur and a busy mom – the bathroom reno in her LA home had to make a splash with timeless design details. Here, we showcase 15 of our favourites.



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The predominantly black dressing room with cream accents is a pleasing contrast to the spacious all-white bathroom shown beyond.

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The built-in bench with pullout drawers offers extra storage for less-used items, and a comfy seat cushion topped with an assortment of toss cushions turns this spot into the perfect perch.

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A design feature typically found in a shower, this integrated shelf keeps bath essentials off the rim of the tub and neatly corralled within arm's reach.

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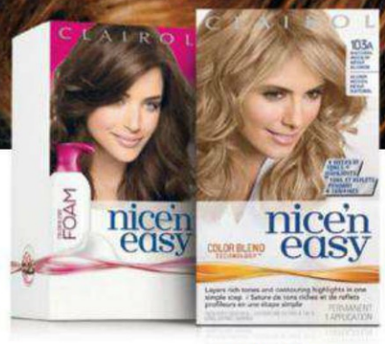

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A built-in chest houses the family's necessities. Two different drawer-front styles were used to create interest in the all-white space.

5
Covering the entire bathroom in subway tile wainscotting not only makes it super easy to clean and maintain but also gives off a vintage vibe that reflects the age and history of the 1920s home.

6
Recessing the mirrored medicine cabinet in the wall allows more space for grooming and pampering.

7
Roman shades in a warm white linen blend right into the wall, giving the room a fresh, clean appearance without feeling too stark.

8
The curved bathtub helps break up all the linear lines, while its ribbed bottom offers retro appeal.

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A gorgeous Ann Sacks mosaic tile floor edged in a band of marble is the showpiece of the bathroom. Note how all the other elements were kept white.

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A large rain showerhead and cross-shaped handles in a polished finish is the perfect combination of modern luxury and retro style.

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The modest shower features the same white subway tiles on the walls and ceiling for a seamless look, while the shower floor picks up on the colours of the mosaics.

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A series of hooks is a great alternative to the traditional towel bar. And each family member has a designated spot for his or her towel and robe.

13
Framed family photos in black and white add a personal touch and are an easy and inexpensive way to incorporate artwork into a bathroom setting.

14
Glass canisters in various sizes are as handsome as they are handy, housing everything from cotton swabs to sponges to make getting ready a cinch.

15
The original door adds character and does double duty covered in a full-length bevelled mirror, so you can easily make any last-minute adjustments to your outfit.

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A hospital lounge gets a soothing update with a healthy dose of TLC to become a peaceful retreat that feels like home.

sunny SIDE UP

Every so often a project comes along that we feel privileged to be a part of. One such endeavour came to us last year, when we were asked by Scotties to be part of a charitable initiative to redesign the oncology in-patient lounge at Toronto's renowned Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

A room that serves patients in many ways, from a spot to visit with their families to a space for quiet contemplation, we envisioned the updated lounge as a comfortable retreat that boasts the kind of elegant decor elements found in one's own home. With the generous support of some of our favourite contributors, including IKEA, La-Z-Boy, Para Paints, Samsung, Shade-O-Matic, Tassimo, TC Media, Thibaut, Trove and Umbra, plus a few talented regular *Style at Home* contributing photographers, here's how we did it.

PRODUCED BY ERIN MCLAUGHLIN & TARA BALLANTYNE; PHOTOGRAPHY, DONNA GRIFFITH

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1 Editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin, who spearheaded *Style at Home*'s involvement in the project, worked to create distinct zones in the space to make it more personal. Here, a pretty writing desk is the perfect place to jot a down a quick note to a friend.

Barometer **TASK LAMP,** IKEA, ikea.ca; Treela **TRASH CAN,** Oh **CHAIR,** Umbra, umbra.com.

2 The multi-functional built-in created from IKEA's Akurum/Ädel kitchen cabinetry transitions seamlessly from storage area to desk space with the clever use of the waterfall detail on the Staron Solid Surface countertop, prized for its environmentally sound, non-porous and hygienic properties.

Akurum **CABINETS,** Ädel **CABINET DOORS,** Staron Solid Surface **COUNTERTOP** in Pebble Tea Rose, **CABINET INSTALLATION** through IKEA Installation Services, IKEA, ikea.ca.

3 Many institutional spaces lack architectural features, which makes it difficult to attain decorative drama. To overcome the challenge, Erin used a variety of different effects to achieve that balance. On this wall, a faux-silk vinyl wallpaper from Thibaut is the backdrop for an inspirational quote that mixes with whimsical three-dimensional butterflies from Umbra and a stunning black and white photograph donated by top Canadian photographer Virginia Macdonald.

Thibaut Como Silk **WALLPAPER** in Champagne, through designers, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, kravetcanada.com; Mariposa **WALL DECOR,** Umbra, umbra.com; black and white **PRINT,** Virginia Macdonald, virginiamacdonald.com; Virserum **FRAMES,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

4 Every Wednesday, the staff of the hospital's oncology department hosts a tea for patients, but with storage at a premium in such a small space, the supplies were arranged haphazardly, at best. This white Akurum/Ädel cabinet hides the essentials while blending seamlessly into the decor.

Bastig **HANDLE,** IKEA 365+ **MUGS,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

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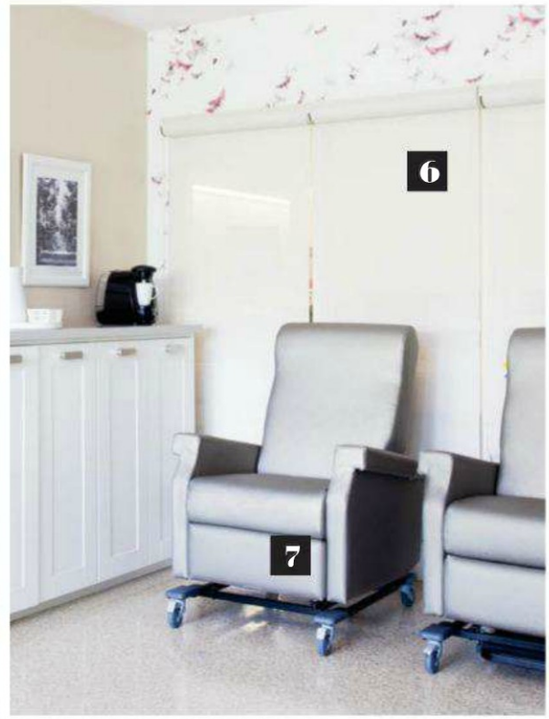
5 The desktop now features a laptop – a generous donation from Samsung that encourages patients to stay connected to family and friends.

LAPTOP, Samsung, samsung.ca.



6 Semi-transparent roller shades from Shade-O-Matic allow light to filter through the windows while still offering privacy.

Regency **ROLLER SHADES,** Shade-O-Matic, shade-o-matic.com.

7 To create a look that's both beautiful and functional, furniture had to be cozy but also practical. Erin discovered that La-Z-Boy custom upholsters its health-care recliners, and selected a high-performance residential-look fabric in a bronze shade that can stand up to the wear and tear of a hospital environment.

Regal III **RECLINERS** with Patty Madden Software Juxy fabric in Photon, La-Z-Boy Contract, lzbcontract.com.

8 Virginia's photograph sits alongside another stunning work by Donna Griffith. The self-serve drink centre features a Tassimo brewer. The company donated a year's supply of beverage disks.

PRINT (right), Donna Griffith, donna-griffith.com; Virserum **FRAMES,** IKEA, ikea.ca; **BREWER & BEVERAGE DISKS,** Tassimo, tassimo.ca.

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9 Samsung's donation of a fabulous 46-inch TV with Skype capability was the pièce de résistance for the patients. Its ultra-slim profile means it hangs on the wall like another piece of art.

UNxxES6100 Smart **TV,** Samsung, samsung.ca.

10 The in-patient lounge overlooks a beautiful leafy ravine, so Erin and the *Style at Home* design team highlighted the bucolic view from the windows with a photographic wallpaper from Trove, customized to fit the surrounding space. The repetition of the butterfly motif helps unite the different zones. In an inventive move, the team painted the ceiling in Para Paints's White Gloves, a pale pink shade that lends a warm texture to the room.

Trove Azha **WALLPAPER** in 001, Industrial Storm, industrialstorm.com; White Gloves P5188-14D **CEILING PAINT,** Para Paints, para.com.

11 Erin loved the slim lines of the existing sofas that had been donated by a patient's family and paired them with an oval IKEA coffee table for interest.

IKEA Stockholm **COFFEE TABLE,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

12 Grouping artwork creates vignettes that help to define the space.

PRINT, Ashley Capp, ashleycapp.com; Virserum **FRAME,** IKEA, ikea.ca; Papila **ARTWORK,** Umbra, umbra.com.

13 Tucked behind the door are convenient hooks to hang extra sweaters for chilly days.

Woodpecker **HOOK,** Umbra, umbra.com.

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14 This faux-grasscloth vinyl paper from Thibaut is so realistic, even Erin couldn't tell the difference from the real thing. Its textured surface contrasts nicely with the faux silk on the opposite wall and the effect of the butterflies. A print from photographer Ryan Brook adds to the natural theme.

Thibaut Bankun Raffia **WALLPAPER** in Grey, through designers, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, kravetcanada.com; **PRINT,** Ryan Brook, ryanbrookphotography.com; Virserum **FRAME,** Älsklig & Blomster **VASES,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

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15 The design team cleverly customized an IKEA magazine rack by setting it inside a frame so it appears to be part of the decor rather than an institutional add-on. The magazines are from subscriptions donated by TC Media, *Style at Home*'s publisher.

Kvissle **MAGAZINE RACK,** IKEA, ikea.ca; **MAGAZINES,** TC Media, tctrans-continental.com.

16 Slim, stylish, scrubbable and stackable, Umbra's Oh chairs are the perfect companions to the room's other furniture, and the open silhouette of the side table echoes the message. Skilled Canadian photographers Stacey Brandford and Michael Graydon provided the photographs.

White Oh **CHAIRS,** Stellar **SIDE TABLE,** Umbra, umbra.com; **PRINTS,** Stacey Brandford, staceybrandford.com (left), Michael Graydon, michaelgraydon.ca (right); Virserum **FRAMES,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

17 Inspirational books provide fodder for dreams and discussion.

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The oncology in-patient lounge at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre gets a stylish and restful new look thanks to *Style at Home* and **Scotties** facial tissue.

A stylish recliner? Yes, they do exist! La-Z-Boy's health-care recliner was custom-upholstered in an elegant bronze fabric.

We all know stereotypical hospital lounges — they are sterile and plain-looking. At the oncology in-patient lounge at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, that was exactly the case. The hub of the oncology unit, this space offers patients a place to relax with their families, watch television or simply visit for a change of scene from their hospital room, and was in dire need of an upgrade.

THE CHALLENGE: To take a small room and create a beautiful space filled with the warm, comfortable feelings of home and to offer everything a patient and their family needs from comfortable seating to a large-screen TV to help ease the difficulty of being away from home.

THE COMMITMENT: Scotties, along with its parent company Kruger Inc., has been a proud supporter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) since 2005 and is one of the Foundation's top five national partners. The opportunity to partner with the design skills of *Style at Home* magazine to develop a respite for cancer-fighting patients was close to Scotties heart. After all, everyone needs a place to escape – especially patients fighting cancer.

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"When I was still able to get my beloved husband out of his hospital bed, the lounge was his only change of view. When you're at the hospital, that space becomes your world."

– Kate, patient's family member

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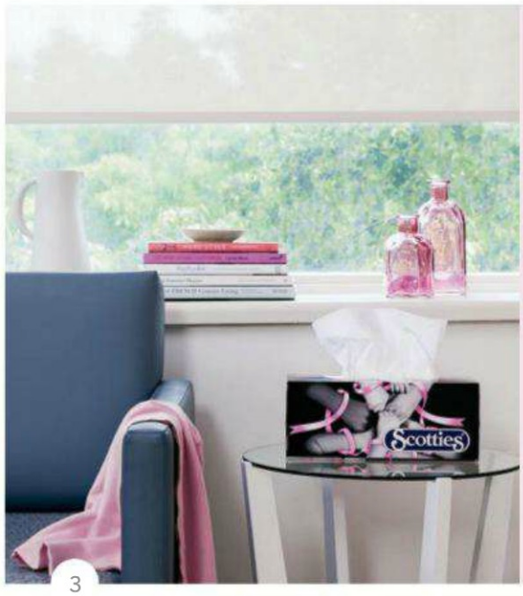
THE LOOK: ❶ The silhouette of these stackable chairs from Umbra adds a note of chic to the room. Easy to clean, the chairs are as comfortable as they are stylish. A large-screen television from Samsung offers cinema-style entertainment to patients. ❷ Freshly-brewed coffee is at everyone's fingertips with the convenient, easy to operate TASSIMO home brewer. ❸ Despite its diminutive size, the lounge does boast a fabulous tree-filled view, seen through elegant semi-sheer Regency Roller Shades from Shade-O-Matic. ❹ Fighting breast cancer, and all cancers, is everyone's fight — it's important to find inspiration everywhere.



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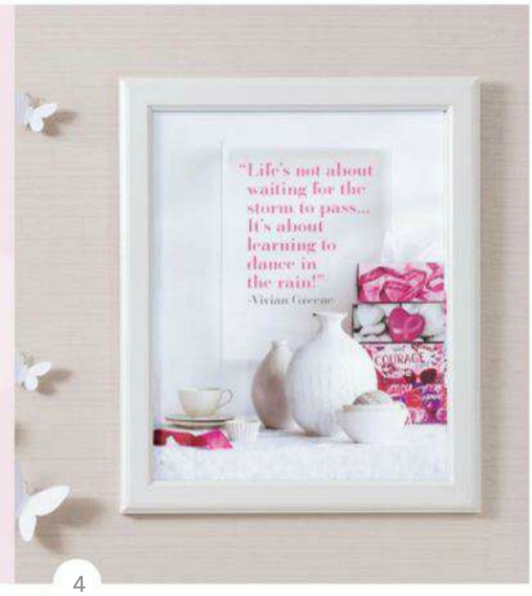
"I feel that the lounge is an important space used by patients and their families during times of celebration and happiness, as well as times of sadness and tears."

– Tanya, nurse



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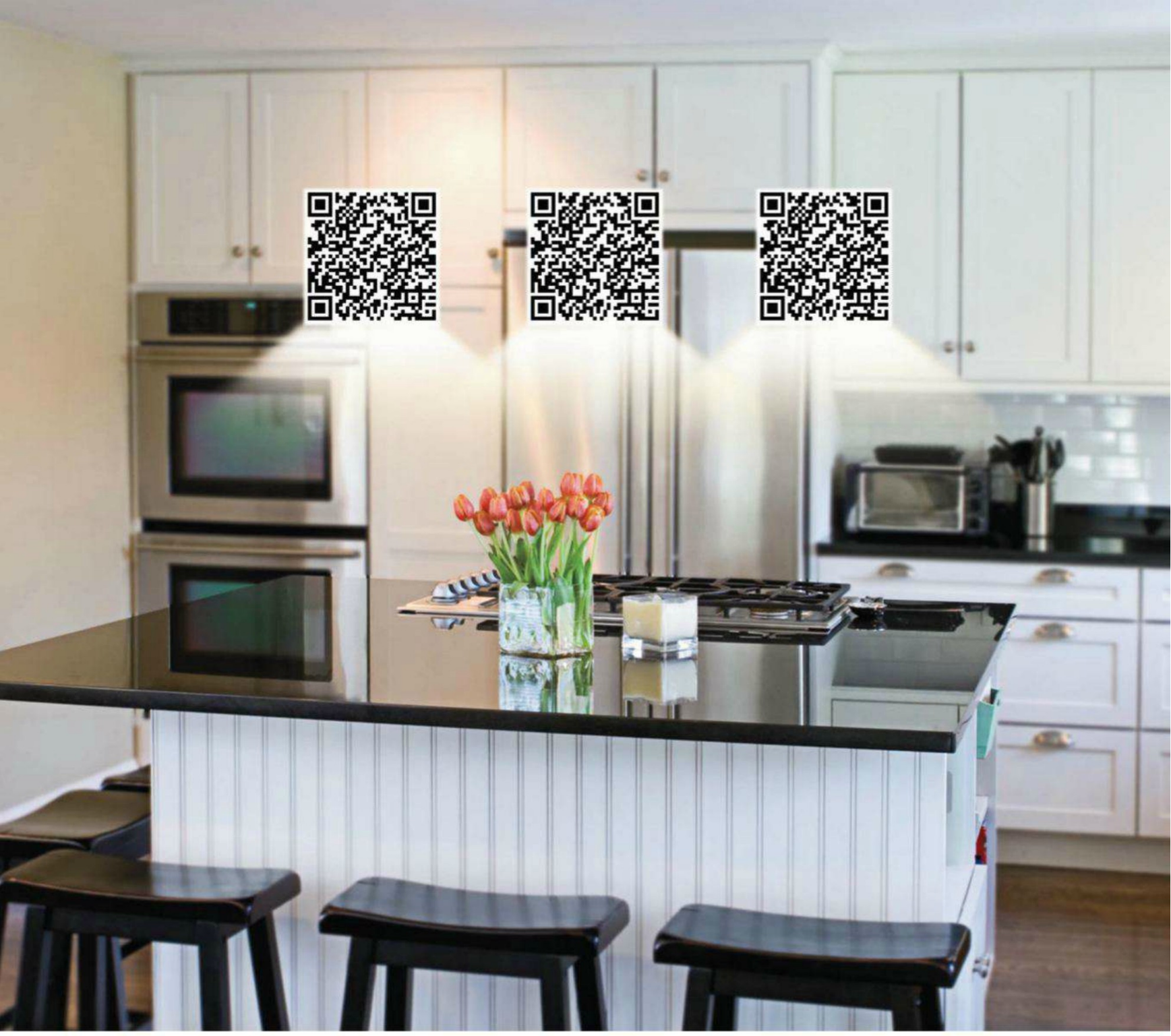

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OPPOSITE Homeowner Chantal Larochelle wanted her colour choices to complement rather than clash with nature's palette, so she brought in the warm oranges, yellows, reds and browns of fall. But because the colour is only in the accents, she and her spouse, Jean-Charles René, can switch them out seasonally if desired.

ARCHITECTURE, YH2 Architecture; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Zone; **DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS, RUG,** IKEA.

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OPPOSITES ATTRACT

A city-dwelling family blends urban modernism with the quaint countryside on Quebec's bucolic Lac Boileau.

PHOTOGRAPHY MONIC RICHARD | **STYLING** NICOLA MARC

What do you get when you mix a modern-minimalist couple living in Montreal's trendy Le Plateau neighbourhood with a vacation property in Quebec's verdant untouched outdoors? A chance to bring contemporary to the country with a design that makes the neighbours look twice.

After renting for many summers, Jean-Charles René and his spouse, Chantal Larochelle, felt strongly about finding their family vacation property somewhere far removed from obvious getaway destinations like the Laurentians and the Eastern Townships. So when they heard about a completely undeveloped piece of land on Lac Boileau, near Rivière-Rouge, Jean-Charles went on a reconnaissance mission to measure just how rural it was. "All the trees were still standing – nothing was cleared," he recalls. "I even wore swimming goggles to make sure the bottom of the lake was sand, like we wanted." Indeed, it was, and the property met the rural mark for Jean-Charles, Chantal and their three children, Frédérique, 19, Arnaud, 11, and Victor, 8.

Together with Marie-Claude Hamelin of Montreal-based YH2 Architecture, they designed the place from scratch. "We like modern architecture and wanted to maximize the view and bring in as much light as possible," Jean-Charles explains. "We basically saw ourselves in a big glass rectangle," adds Chantal. "But worried that it would look too formal and institutional, we wanted the warmth of a cabin aesthetic, too."

The result is a juicy juxtaposition of urban and rural, modern and classic:

Chantal used a winning mix of instinct and resourcefulness to decorate the living room: The dining table and chairs are from IKEA, whereas the sofa that anchors the living area belonged to her father-in-law, the toss cushions were repurposed from her mother's fur coat, and the side tables were fashioned by Jean-Charles out of tree trunks from the property.

White **SIDECHAIR,** Dcovia; **STOOLS,** IKEA; **BEAN BAG CHAIR,** BeanBagBoss.

ABOVE Stately and unassuming, modern and country, black and white, the exterior of this cottage is a study in mixing opposites for an engaging effect.

RIGHT A small wood-burning stove warms the uninsulated veranda in fall and winter. It's now a New Year's Eve tradition for the couple to open a bottle of sparkling wine here while popping popcorn for the kids.

Cast iron **WOOD STOVE,** Jøtul.

FAR RIGHT The colour scheme is continued from the main living area to the master bedroom, where a medallion-print quilt in fall colours takes centre stage as the focal point of the room.

SIDE TABLE, IKEA.

Oversized windows in the long, open kitchen face out to a small deck with a barbecue so the family can stay connected, whether they're working inside or out.

Corian **COUNTERTOP,** DuPont.

a two-storey Cape Cod-style cabin, painted black, flanked by two white, light-filled modernist extensions – 2,000 square feet in total. Communal spaces (the kitchen, the great room and the veranda) occupy the airy glass boxes, while the family's four bedrooms are stacked, two per floor, in the cabin. The white and black exterior serves to underscore the design contrast. And the result is as warm and welcoming as it is sleek and sophisticated.

The family has been spending more time at the cottage, no matter the season. Chantal even envisions a time when she and Jean-Charles make it their permanent home, which is why such timeless design mattered to them.

The couple concedes that the area's residents were somewhat surprised by their cottage vernacular. "It's kind of a weird house for them; they're not familiar with the style," says Chantal. "But when they visit our place, so we hear, they understand it more."

Which we think is another way to say that the neighbours appreciate their evident good taste.

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The vibrant pinks, blues and greens of summer have faded into deep, moody undertones of charcoal, chocolate, aubergine, rust and golden-rod. It's fall – time to wrap your hands around that steaming, spicy cup of cider, breathe in that crisp, cool breeze and welcome the season not only into your heart but also into your home. Here's how.

PRODUCER ANN MARIE FAVOT | **TEXT** SARA CATION | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH

TAKING THE *Fall*

Pumpkins are a staple of fall decorating, but not everyone embraces the onset of orange. Opt instead for white varieties like Baby Boo and Casper to pepper along the table and around the fireplace.

Simon Pearce **GLASSES,** Homefront; **PLATES, BOWL, FOOTED BOWL, PITCHER, GRAVY BOAT,** Sophie Conran; Steven and Chris large stoneware **BOWL,** Canfloyd.

OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT
White mini Baby Boos are corralled in a white serving bowl for a tone-on-tone detail.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM LEFT
Cinnamon and cider...over and over. It's a favourite flavour of autumn (second only to pumpkin pie), so keep your best recipe on hand and serve it in simple Mason jar mugs updated for the season with a strip of burlap secured by a piece of yarn.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM RIGHT
Natural elements like wood and wool in a simple unadorned arrangement are reflective of fall.

WREATH, Horticultural Design; Twist **BLANKET,** Klippan.

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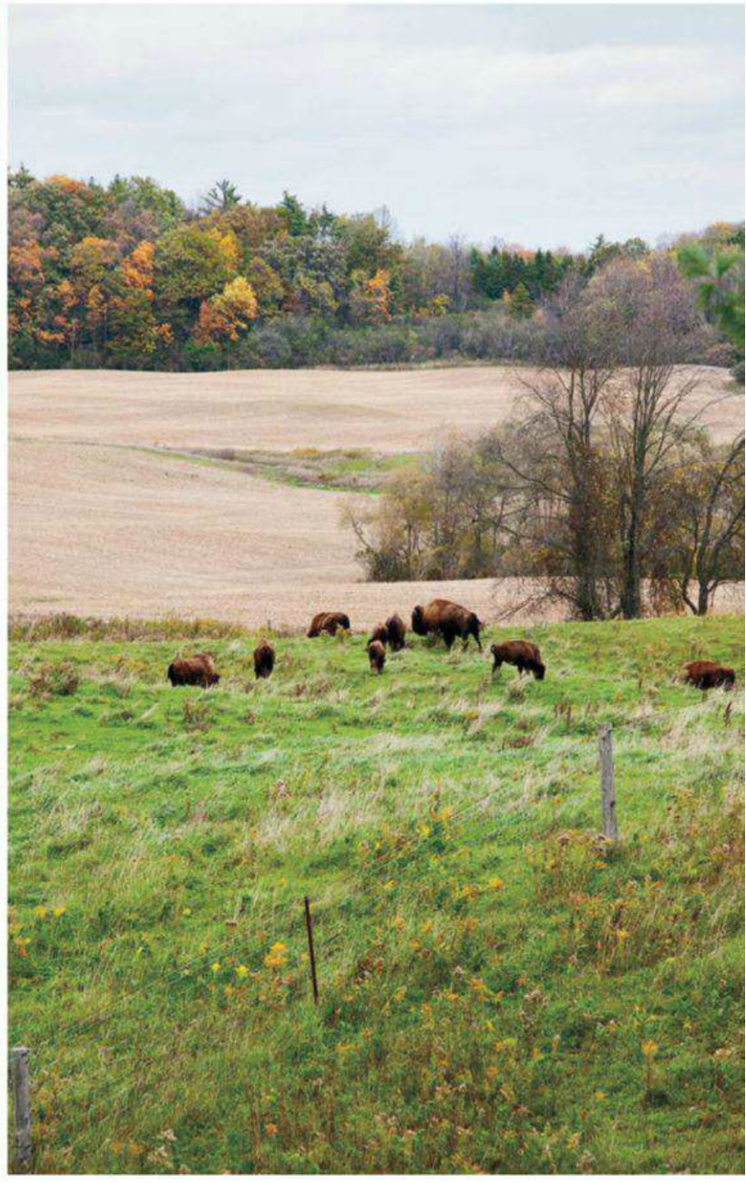

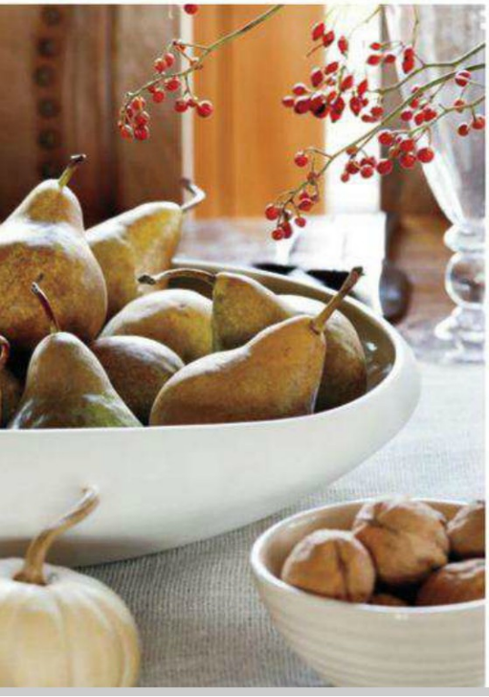

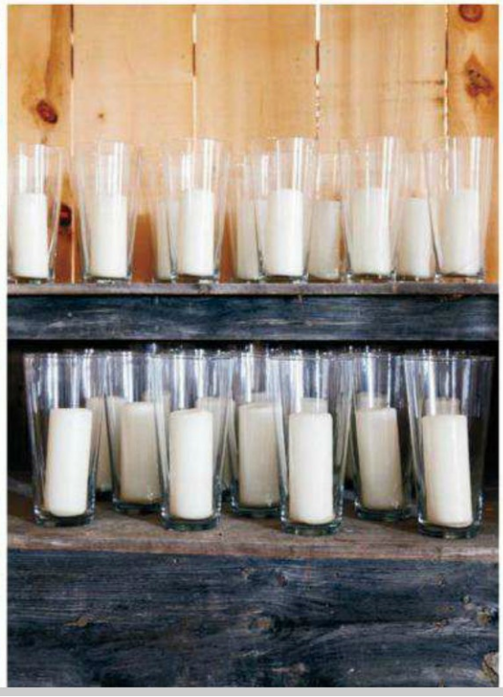

ABOVE, LEFT This DIY rough-edged table runner is easy to make with a simple bolt of burlap and scissors. After measuring and marking the desired width of fabric at one end, make a small snip at each mark and hand-tear lengthwise in one strong, swift motion. Make sure the final length is four to six inches longer than your table on each end. Add texture by fraying the edges by hand.

LEFT Dispersed in odd-number groupings throughout your space, candles are a surefire way (pun intended!) to add warmth in aesthetic, in mood and, of course, in temperature.

FAR LEFT Pears, pomegranates, pumpkins and persimmons: Let fall's fruitful bounty take centre stage in your seasonal decor. Steven and Chris large stoneware **BOWL,** Canfloyd; small **BOWL,** Sophie Conran.

OPPOSITE Although fall lends itself to a natural look, you can still set an elegant table. When paired with sparkly elements like glass and silver, rustic pieces like a burlap table runner, pure linen napkins, organic-shaped dishware and braided wicker napkin rings come together as a glamorous farmhouse tablescape. **FLATWARE,** Homefront.

KEEP A BASKET OF BLANKETS ON HAND TO CARRY OUT TO THE PORCH FOR SOME SPONTANEOUS SUNSET-WATCHING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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OPPOSITE The palette here may be pale, but the texture is vibrant. From the choppy rough-hewn wood to the intricately carved lamp base, the chunky woven wicker basket to the fluffy hydrangeas and pompom mums, the layering and balance of materials mimic the diversity of nature.

BASKET, Bacon Basketware; Earth **BLANKET,** Klippan.

ABOVE A new take on a traditional wreath, this one uses hundreds of dried leaves – punctuated with a few fresh green ones – for a tissue paper-like effect and is laid down, rather than hung, for a casual vignette.

WREATH, Horticultural Design.

RIGHT A glowing fire may be fall's version of summer's open windows, but don't forget autumn's answer to fresh-cut flowers: bunches of dried wheat and branches of berries gathered on a nature walk for an unfussy arrangement.

BOTTOM LEFT Cooler nights call for having warm wraps within easy reach, so stack favourite blankets in different patterns (but in the same palette) as a useful decorative accent. Cozying up to enjoy those last fleeting moments on the porch will always be just an arm's length away.

Houndstooth and Squared Star **BLANKETS,** Klippan.

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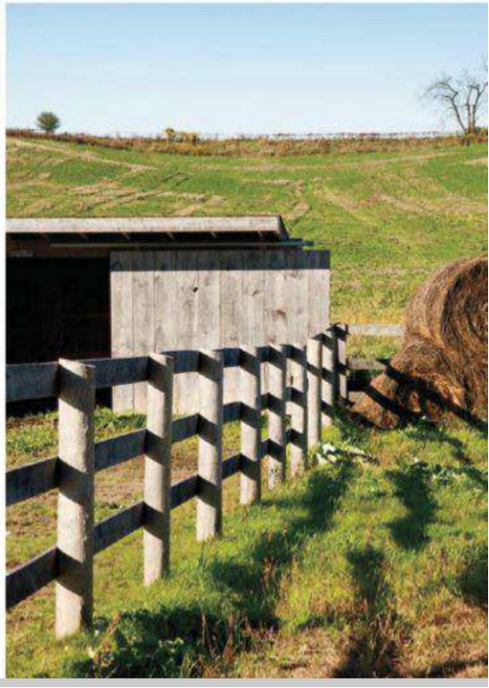

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The family room has the feel of a Maine cottage, with its tongue-and-groove walls and ceiling and chiselled fieldstone fireplace. Slipcovered furnishings in soft yellow, cranberry and sage continue the main-floor colour scheme.

DESIGN, Riordon Design, riordondesign.com; **ARCHITECTURE,** Hicks Partners Architects; **FLOORING,** Nostalgic Wood; Lancaster Whitewash HC-174 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore.

Clapboard siding, restrained but elegant trim, a gracious front entry and transom and mullioned windows give homeowners Ric and Shirley Riordon's Oakville, Ont., home authentic Georgian style.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, Christopher Campbell Landscape Architects; Hancock Gray HC-97 **CLAPBOARD PAINT,** Shelburne Buff HC-28 **TRIM PAINT,** Benjamin Moore.

Making history

A design-savvy couple creates a new home in Oakville, Ont., with the historic feel of years gone by.

TEXT KATHLEEN DORE | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH | **STYLING** CHRISTINE HANLON

The kitchen's colour scheme contributes to its 19th-century flavour. "We didn't want to go with black [on the range hood] – we felt it would be too harsh," says Shirley, explaining that the couple used a deep charcoal shade that makes the feature a focal point but doesn't overwhelm the green-toned cabinetry.

CABINETRY, CABINETRY INSTALLATION, J.D. Medland Cabinetmakers; **SINK, FIXTURES,** Ginger's.

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ABOVE, LEFT A six-over-six window and handmade porcelain sink fitted with French-made reproduction faucets in satin nickel complete the illusion of a 19th-century farmhouse kitchen.

LEFT Ric and Shirley worked with their cabinetry company to create the look of an unfitted farmhouse kitchen. The large island was in their dream book after living with a small galley kitchen in their previous home. One end of the island is equipped with a prep sink for modern functionality, but its added-on appearance makes it look like an old-fashioned pastry counter.

ABOVE More than 25 of the property's original mature trees were preserved when the new house was built.

If you love historic architecture, it's easy to fall for the charms of Old Oakville. The lakeside town west of Toronto has a trove of heritage homes, some from the early 1800s. Ric and Shirley Riordon's house isn't one of them, though you'd never know it.

The Riordons are passionate about old architecture and also love Oakville's small-town vibe. But a heritage home that met their 21st-century needs – big enough for their design studio and its employees and also to potentially share with their elderly parents – was hard to come by, so instead they built one.

Their brand new 4,200-square-foot home has the gracious feel of an early Canadian Georgian building, from the symmetry of its facade to the meticulous interior millwork to the reclaimed wide-plank elm floors. Even its park-like setting adds to the rural, yesteryear character. And, though Ric and Shirley are quick to credit their top-drawer team of architect, landscape architect and builder with achieving an old-fashioned home that accommodates their modern lifestyle, their own arts and design backgrounds and rigorous devotion to historic details deserve credit, too.

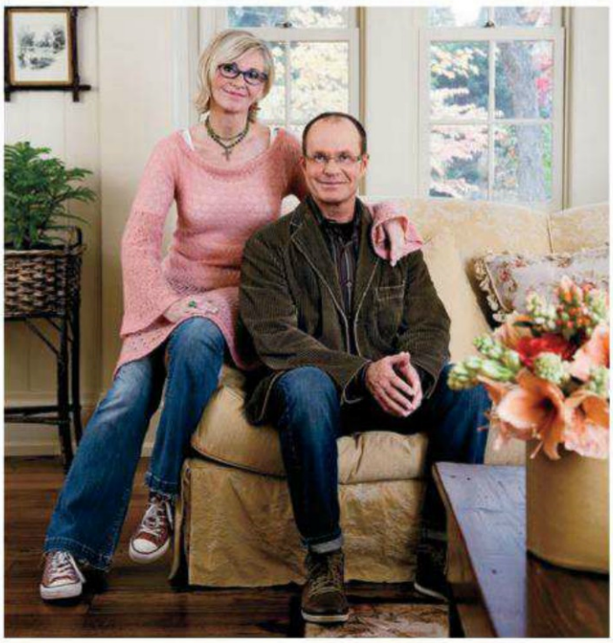
"We created an itemized book for our contractor that included everything," says Shirley. On its pages was a list of wants and inspirational images, including cedar shakes and intricate millwork, the patina of aged wood, a farmhouse-style kitchen and something the builders of a Georgian knew well: a sense of scale and how that affects your experience of space. "We were intentional about scale and proportion," says Shirley. Each room was planned

Ric is a passionate gardener and active garden blogger (fussy-gardener.com). "He starts every day in the garden," says Shirley.

Deep arched doorways between principal rooms on the main floor required thick interior walls and custom panelling. The balustrade and newel posts are made from reclaimed wood.

Devon Park Bayleaf Trail **WALLPAPER** in FD82303, Wallquest.

BELOW Ric and Shirley relax at home.



to create aesthetically pleasing proportions and ambience. Shirley even built models of rooms, complete with fabric and paint swatches, while Ric, who has some architectural training, combed antiques shows for authentic millwork, then rendered drawings for the carpenters to follow.

The resulting orderly, balanced spaces create a Georgian authenticity that's ideal for the Riordon's extensive antiques and art collection. Pastoral landscapes on the wall and a mix of antique and new traditional-style furniture gives the impression that the house has evolved over many years – centuries even. The farmhouse kitchen, in particular, is a blend of old and new, with a modern restaurant-style range backed by a brick herringbone backsplash reminiscent of a settler's open hearth. The kitchen cabinetry has an unfitted, furniture feel, while the sleek countertop on the massive island and the black contemporary pendant lights above it add a sharp, chic flavour. The overall impression of the room is friendly and welcoming, and that sentiment was as much a part of their vision as any historic detail. "We wanted our home to say 'Come in, relax and be comfortable,'" says Shirley.

The home's mellow palette, which veers from gold, yellow, cream and cranberry to warm-toned blues and greys, deepens that soothing mood. In fact, when visitors come through on the Christmas house tour, "Your house feels like a place I want to come home to," is a comment Shirley repeatedly hears. "That's such a compliment because, really, we're just small-town kids, and creating that sense of home, of sanctuary, was really important to us."

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HOME ON THE range

Homeowners Sharie and Patrick Hunter dig deep into their Prairie roots and love of collecting Mid-Century Modern pieces to create a space that clearly speaks to their passions. The result is a house that's full of rich tales and family history, giving any visitor plenty to write home about.

TEXT LAURA MUIR | **PHOTOGRAPHY** BARRY CALHOUN

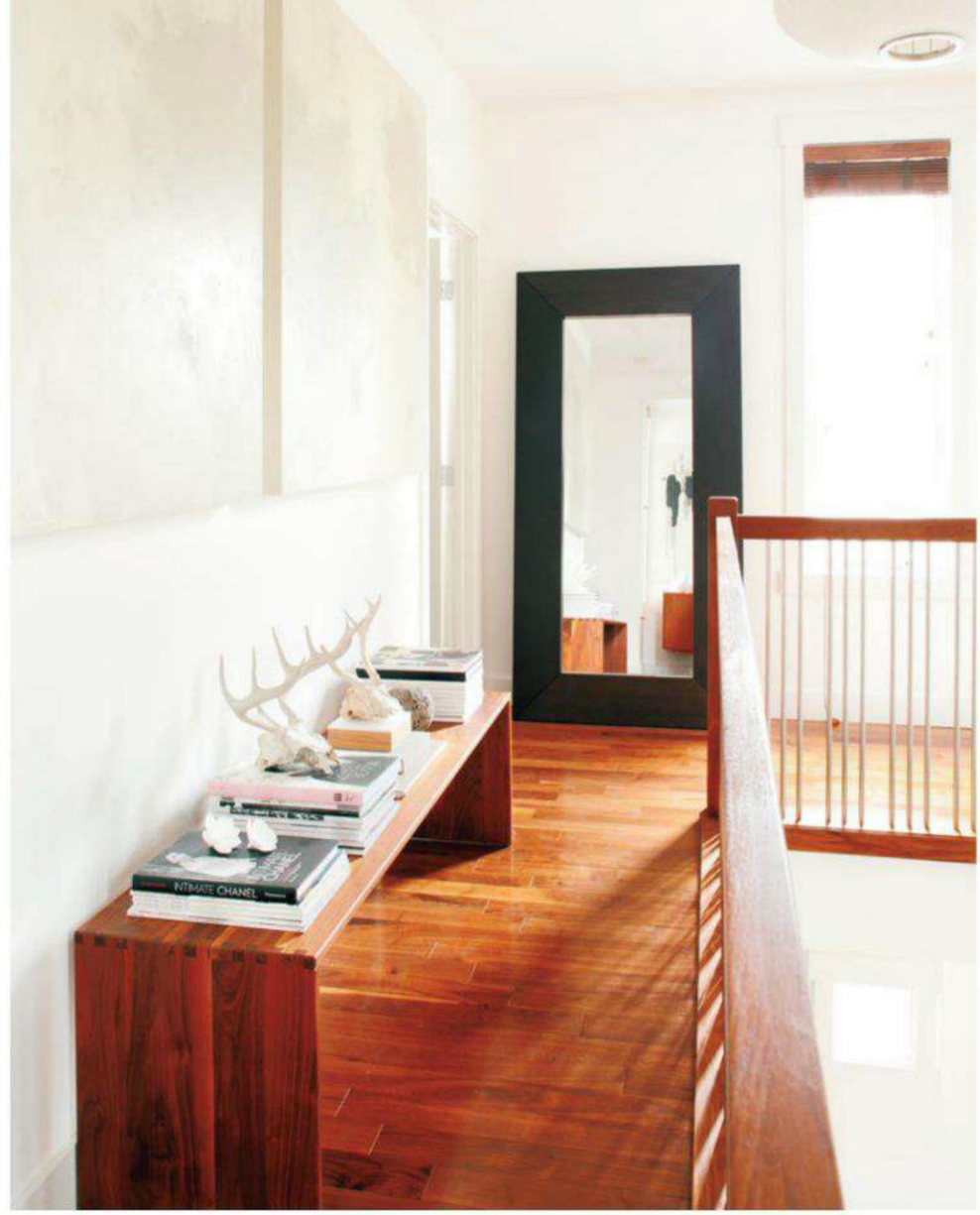
In the master bedroom, a little wooden table displays an old Super 8 mm film camera and a Brownie from homeowner Sharie Hunter's large camera collection. "The little table is from a church my grandfather built out in the Prairies, where I grew up," says Sharie.

A Mid-Century Modern credenza, which Sharie found at a thrift store in Medicine Hat, Alta., creates a strong focal point at the top of the stairs on the third floor when decorated with the couple's collections and paired with Sharie's artwork.

Simply White OC-117 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; *Edgar's Head* **ARTWORK** (left), *Shadow* **ARTWORK** (right), Sharie Hunter; Jonathan Adler squirrel **SCULPTURE,** white **VASES,** Kit Interior Objects.

The modern, cohesive quality of Sharie and Patrick Hunter's Calgary house may belie the fact that everything in it was collected over a long period of time. Even acquiring the house itself required a bit of patience on their part.

Living right across the street, the couple – he is vice-president of North American sales for a pipeline maintenance company and she is a painter and the creative director at a graphic design company – fell in love with the house as they watched it being built from the ground up. Constructed by engineers-turned-homebuilders from 2006 to 2007, it was as solid as a bunker and featured an open layout, natural materials, clean lines, lots of windows and plenty of wall space meant for displaying art (ideal for Sharie, who uses the house as a gallery for her large contemporary works). But when the couple expressed interest, they discovered it had already been sold. "So for a year, we watched other people live in our house!" says Patrick.



LEFT Sharie and her husband, Patrick, in their cool, modern digs.

ABOVE The upstairs hallway gives Sharie another place to hang her artwork, and a streamlined bench serves as magazine and book storage.

Prairie Sky 1 **ARTWORK** (left), *Prairie Sky 2* **ARTWORK** (right), Sharie Hunter; Speke Klein Touch **BENCH,** Nelson Saucer **PENDANT LIGHT,** Kit Interior Objects; Mongstad **FLOOR MIRROR,** IKEA.

RIGHT Sharie found two deer skulls on her family farm in Saskatchewan. Displayed here, they boast an intriguing and rustic sculptural quality.

The living room showcases the couple's neutral colour scheme and a love of Mid-Century Modern design. Hanging above the credenza, a black and white photo taken in 1903, which Sharie enlarged and mounted on a wood canvas, represents her ancestors' prairie life. "My great-grandfather bought land from this gentleman [in the photo]," she says. "He's just out there with his horses in the prairies with nothing but starkness all around him, and I just thought the rawness of this photograph was beautiful."

SOFA, Home Evolution; Eames Molded Plywood **LOUNGE CHAIR,** Nelson **END TABLE,** Noguchi **COFFEE TABLE,** Jonathan Adler **VASES & SCULPTURES** (except two grey vases), Kit Interior Objects.

A black linen-covered settee, with its curvaceous, feminine lines, has a softening effect in the master bedroom, and the mirror adds a bit of glamour. The chalkboard-painted focal wall lends a sense of balance and anchors the light-filled space.

MIRROR, HomeSense; teak **STOOL,** BoConcept; Jonathan Adler **VASES,** Kit Interior Objects; Koldby **COWHIDE,** IKEA.

"FOR A YEAR, WE WATCHED
OTHER PEOPLE LIVE IN OUR HOUSE!"

PATRICK HUNTER, HOMEOWNER

LEFT The couple displays items that they love: coffee-table books (the couple are big opera fans), a Jonathan Adler ceramic squirrel, a pair of Eames tops and a couple of Sharie's vintage cameras, which she has been collecting for 20 years. "They work and they're all over the house," she says, "so I've had a lot of fun over the years buying what film I can for them and getting some interesting results."

RIGHT The kitchen's "chill-out area" exemplifies the house's mix of Mid-Century Modern and farmhouse: Two Le Corbusier chairs are paired with a time-worn wooden trunk from Sharie's family farm.

Origin **ARTWORK,** Sharie Hunter; Le Corbusier Petit Confort **ARM-CHAIRS,** Nelson Sunburst **CLOCK,** Kit Interior Objects; Sapien **BOOKCASE,** Design Within Reach; **POUFFE,** HomeSense.

When the previous owners finally decided to sell, Sharie and Patrick, who share the space with their three cats, Margaret, Ginsberg and Jack, made an offer and moved in. Completely satisfied with the house's contemporary architecture and interior design, they simply painted the dark purply-grey walls a warm shade of white and installed Nelson Saucer pendant lights in every room, creating continuity and a bright envelope that enhances their warm, monochromatic look. "With my profession and my painting, I live in a world of colour, so for our home, I want something calm on the eyes," says Sharie. "Nothing jarring."

A couple for the past 11 years, Sharie and Patrick have been collecting for just as long or longer, scouring vintage shops for old cameras and teak credenzas, buying Jonathan Adler pottery on each special occasion and bringing Panton chairs back from Switzerland in hockey bags (twice!) at a time when they weren't being sold here. Devoted to Mid-Century Modern furniture long before it hit the mainstream, they love its timeless quality and clean lines. But to prevent it from looking too staged or cold, they pair it with items that lend a rustic farmhouse look and evoke Sharie's background and ancestry – she grew up on a family farm in Saskatchewan that was settled by her Swedish great-grandparents more than a century ago.

Time-worn antiques, bleached-out deer skulls and cowhide rugs lend the house distinctive history, as do the couple's interests in design, travel, art and books. In fact, the couple makes sure every item has a story, and they prove that creating something with a strong link to the past ensures that it remains relevant well into the future. "When I'm gone, I don't want a bunch of junk that's just sold at a garage sale," says Patrick. "If I'm going to have a chair, I want a chair that has got a story behind it, a history behind it, and that I can pass on to my kids."

Inspired by the French bistro look the couple saw in Paris, the kitchen's eating area features a rustic farmhouse table surrounded by iconic Panton chairs (four of which were brought back from Switzerland about 10 years ago). The chalkboard wall, which Sharie painstakingly personalized, depicts a cheese recipe, a Shakespearean poem about wine and a paragraph from a love letter written in 1913.

Nelson Saucer **PENDANT LIGHT,** Panton **CHAIRS,** Jonathan Adler **VASE & SCULPTURES,** Kit Interior Objects; **DINING TABLE,** Sojourn Home Furnishings.

Often inspired by what they see on their travels, Sharie and Patrick sketched out their bedroom in a restaurant in London. "We were in a bistro and got part of the inspiration from that," says Patrick. Instead of incorporating typical nightstands with table lamps, the couple paired Nelson floor lamps with iconic Componibili modules.

2-6-2 **ARTWORK** (left), *Pratum* **ARTWORK** (right), Sharie Hunter; Kartell Componibili **MODULES,** Nelson Cigar **FLOOR LAMPS,** Case Study Museum **BENCH, VASES,** Kit Interior Objects; **BEDDING,** Restoration Hardware.

LEFT The couple's travels always include a day of shopping for fabrics, which Sharie brings home and makes into toss cushions for a quick way to change the house's look. Here, the black and grey Eames printed fabric and other geometric patterns liven up the guest bedroom.

Jieldé Signal **TABLE LAMP,** Kit Interior Objects.

RIGHT A modern chair paired with a minimal pedestal table holding a Nelson desk clock and a Jieldé Signal table lamp makes an inviting sitting area in the cozy guest bedroom.

Jonathan Adler **VASE,** Nelson **DESK CLOCK,** Kit Interior Objects.

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The guest bedroom's Mid-Century Modern twin beds, which Sharie found at a garage sale for $25 each, accommodate the couple's parents or Patrick's visiting children. A collection of art includes etchings brought back from Europe, sketches done by Sharie and a charcoal drawing of the man who, in his will, left all his belongings to Sharie's grandmother.

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Beloved by children, adults and fairy godmothers alike, pumpkins are also BFFs to inventive cooks who want to bring new flavours to old standbys like soups, pastas and scones. Amiable, nutritious, naturally simple and culinarily versatile (and not just for errant princesses in need of a ride), pumpkins are at long last receiving their due. It's no wonder that, year after year, we keep coming back for more.

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TARA BALLANTYNE
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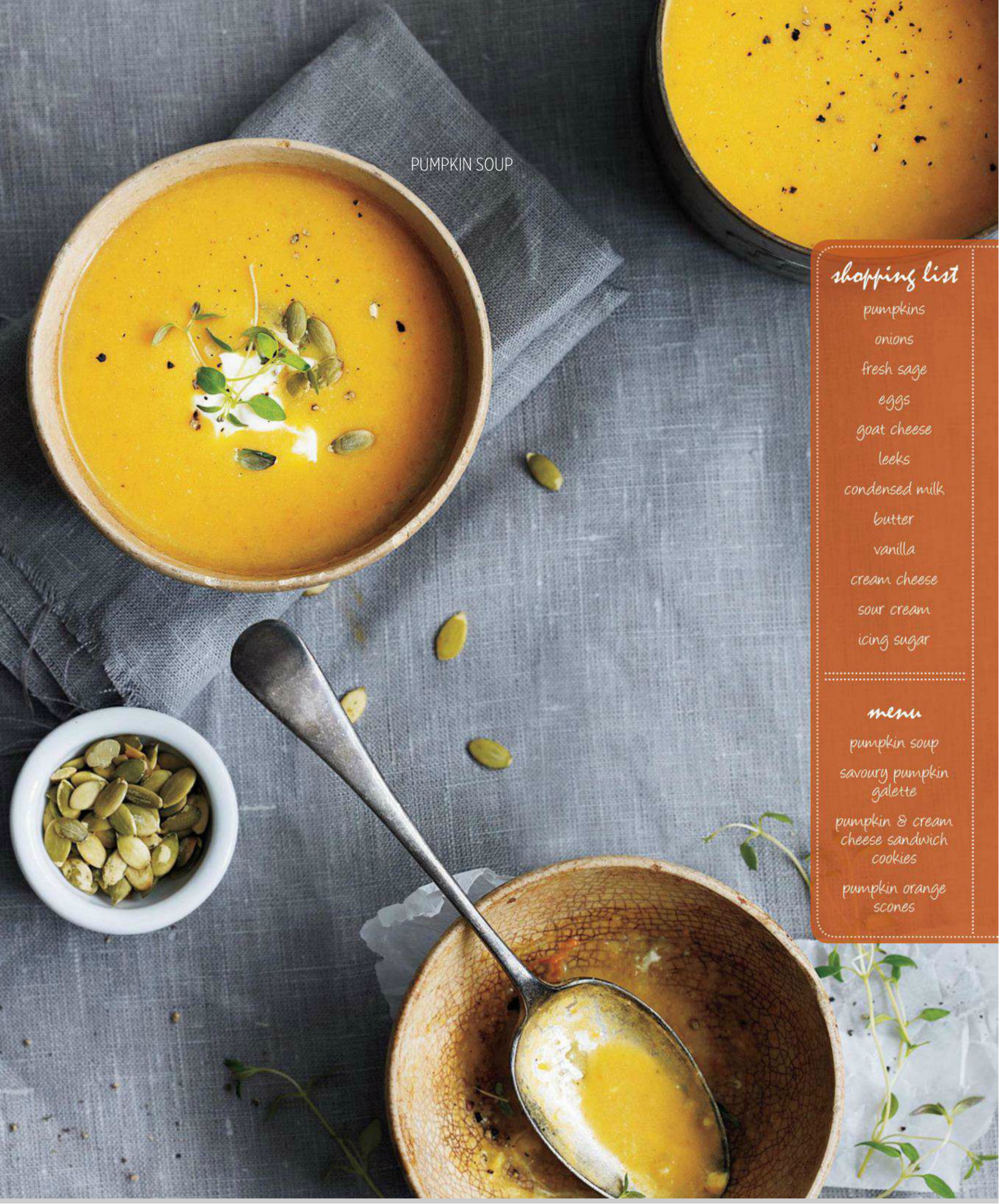

shopping list

pumpkins
onions
fresh sage
eggs
goat cheese
leeks
condensed milk
butter
vanilla
cream cheese
sour cream
icing sugar

menu

pumpkin soup
savoury pumpkin galette
pumpkin & cream cheese sandwich cookies
pumpkin orange scones

PUMPKIN SOUP

PREP TIME **20 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **45 MINUTES** | SERVES **8**

2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup chopped onions
1 tsp minced garlic
1 tbsp grated ginger
2 tbsp curry powder
3 tbsp all-purpose flour
4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
3½ cups fresh pumpkin purée
1½ cups unsweetened condensed milk or cream
2 tbsp soy sauce
1 tbsp honey
Salt and pepper to taste
Roasted pumpkin seeds and sour cream for garnish

Heat the olive oil in a large stockpot over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and cook until the onions begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Stir in the ginger and cook for 30 seconds. Add the curry powder and the flour and stir until smooth. Cook until the mixture bubbles, stirring frequently.

Gradually whisk in the chicken broth and cook until the liquid is just thickened. Stir in the pumpkin and the condensed milk. Season the soup with the soy sauce, honey and salt and pepper. Bring the soup to a boil, then remove from the heat. Transfer the soup to bowls, garnish with the pumpkin seeds and sour cream and serve.

SAVOURY PUMPKIN GALETTE

PREP TIME **75 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **70 MINUTES** | MAKES **2 LARGE GALETTES**

Pastry
1¼ cups all-purpose flour
½ tsp salt
1 tbsp chopped fresh sage
½ cup unsalted butter, chilled and cut into 1" cubes
⅛ to ¼ cup ice water

Filling
1 2-lb pumpkin, peeled, seeded and cut into ¼" slices
½ tsp sea salt
3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
2 leeks, thinly sliced
¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
6 oz goat cheese, softened and thinly sliced
8 to 10 fresh sage leaves
1 egg, lightly beaten
Kalamata olives

To make the pastry, blend the flour, salt and sage in a food processor until combined. Add in the butter cubes, a few at a time, and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse meal. With the processor running, slowly pour in 4 tbsp of the ice water until the dough just holds together; add the remaining water 1 tbsp at a time, if necessary. Do not overprocess. Remove the dough from the food processor and roll into two rounds. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to use.

For the filling, preheat the oven to 500°F. Toss the pumpkin slices with the sea salt and 1 tbsp of the olive oil. Arrange the pumpkin slices in a single layer in a shallow baking pan and roast for 20 to 25 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking time. The pumpkin should be golden brown on the edges. Remove the pan from the oven and allow slices to cool.

Meanwhile, heat the remaining 2 tbsp olive oil with a pinch of salt in a skillet over medium heat. Add the leeks and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer the leeks to a large bowl to cool slightly, then toss gently with the cooled pumpkin and the ground pepper.

Heat the oven to 375°F. Place the chilled dough on a lightly floured surface and roll out each round until it measures roughly 10 to 12 inches. Transfer each round onto a baking sheet lined with a baking mat or parchment paper, and arrange the pumpkin filling evenly over the pastry, leaving a 2" border around the edge of each round. Top the pumpkin with the sliced goat cheese and the sage leaves. Fold the pastry up to cover the edges of the filling, pleating where necessary.

Brush the pastry edges with the lightly beaten egg and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until the pastry begins to brown. Remove the galettes from the oven, top with the olives and cool on a wire rack before serving.

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PUMPKIN & CREAM CHEESE SANDWICH COOKIES

PREP TIME **30 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **20 MINUTES** | MAKES **18 SANDWICHES**

Cookies

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup fresh pumpkin purée
- 1 egg
- 1 vanilla bean, seeds scraped out, or 1 tsp vanilla extract

Frosting

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 5 tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 2 vanilla beans, seeds scraped out
- 2 cups icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F. To make the cookies, line three baking sheets with baking mats or parchment paper. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt.

In a separate bowl, cream together the butter and sugar using a hand mixer until light and fluffy. Add the pumpkin, egg and vanilla bean seeds and beat until the mixture is creamy. Fold the pumpkin mixture into the dry ingredients and stir until well combined.

Place tablespoonfuls of the dough onto the prepared baking sheets and flatten slightly. Bake the cookies for 15 to 20 minutes, until lightly brown; transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the frosting, beat the cream cheese with the softened butter and vanilla bean seeds in a large bowl until combined. Gradually add the icing sugar until the mixture is thick. Spread 1 heaping tbsp of frosting between 2 pumpkin cookies to make sandwiches and serve.

PUMPKIN ORANGE SCONES

PREP TIME **30 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **15 MINUTES** | MAKES **12 SCONES**

- ⅔ cup fresh pumpkin purée
- ⅓ cup sour cream
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup + 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- Pinch of ground cloves
- 1 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1" cubes
- ¼ cup orange zest
- ¼ tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 egg
- 1 cup golden raisins (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with a baking mat or parchment paper. In a small bowl, stir together the pumpkin, sour cream and baking soda; set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and spices, making sure to remove any lumps. Cut in the butter cubes until the mixture is crumbly and resembles coarse meal.

Add the orange zest, lemon juice and egg to the pumpkin mixture. Fold the pumpkin mixture into the dry ingredients and stir until the mixture is just moist. Stir in the raisins, if using.

Turn the mixture out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 1 minute until a dough forms. Drop 2" pieces of dough onto the prepared baking sheet for scones with a rustic look, or roll the dough into a circle and cut into 12 wedges. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until the scones are golden brown on the bottom. Serve warm.

PUMPKIN & CREAM CHEESE SANDWICH COOKIES

How to Make Perfect Pumpkin Purée

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Cut a pumpkin in half and scoop out the seeds with a large spoon. Brush the cut sides with a bit of olive oil and sprinkle with brown sugar. Place the pumpkin halves cut side down, on a foil-lined baking sheet and bake until the skin is easy to pierce with a knife, about 1 hour. Remove from the oven and allow the pumpkins to cool completely. Scoop out the flesh of the pumpkins and place in a food processor; process until smooth. The pumpkin purée can be refrigerated for up to two days, or frozen for up to three weeks.

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Serves: 6

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- 1/2 cup (125 mL) rolled oats
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- Salt and pepper to taste
- **PAM® Grilling Spray**

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2. Shape into 6 burger patties.

3. Spray grill with **PAM® Grilling Spray** and heat to medium-high heat. Grill burgers, turning once, for 6 minutes per side or until no longer pink inside.

4. Garnish burgers with your choice of condiments.

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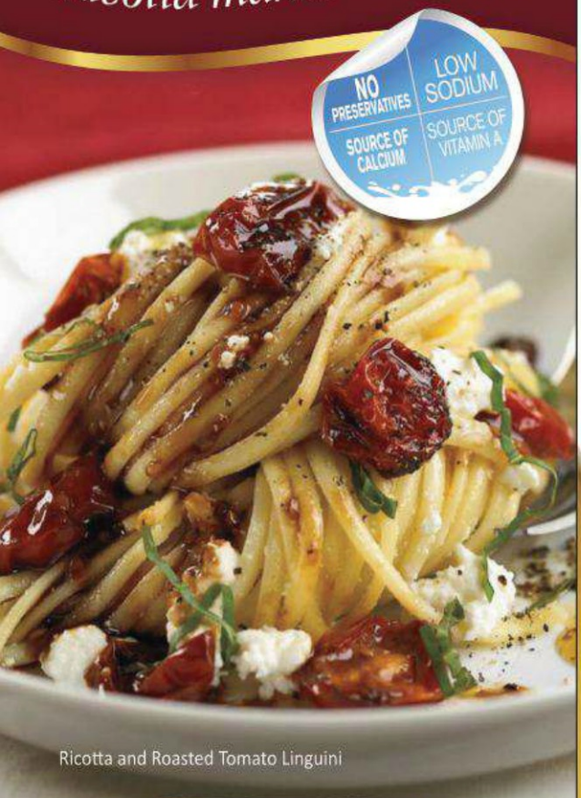

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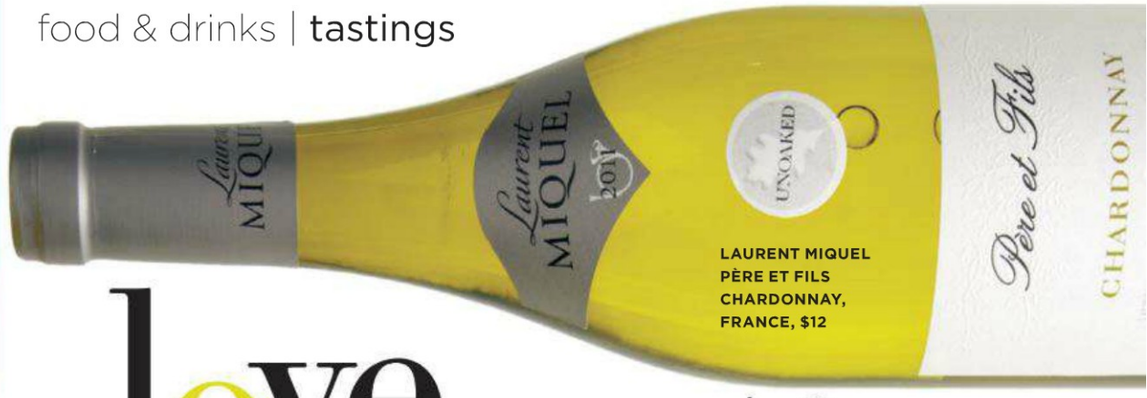

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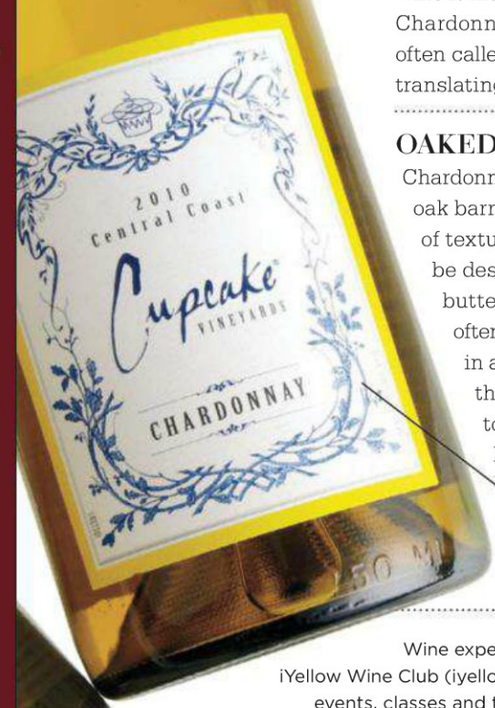

CUPCAKE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY, CALIFORNIA, $15

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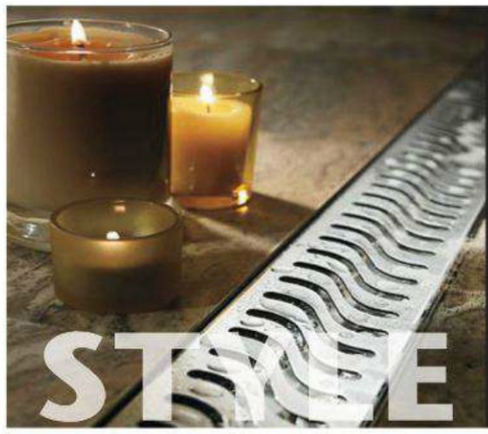

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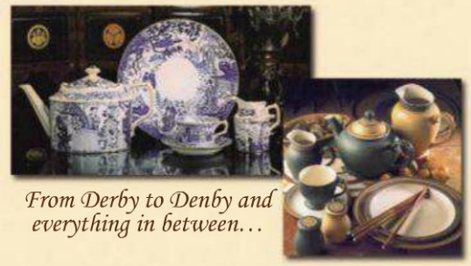

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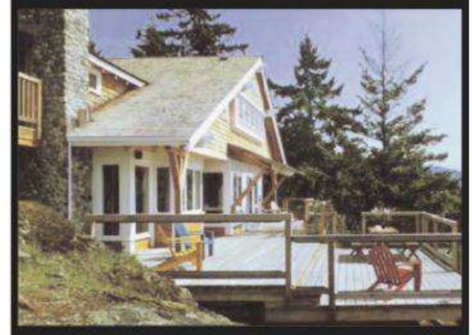

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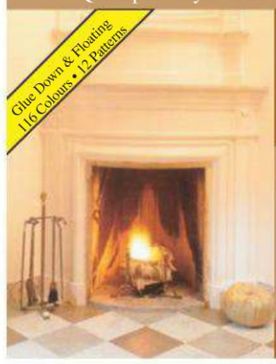

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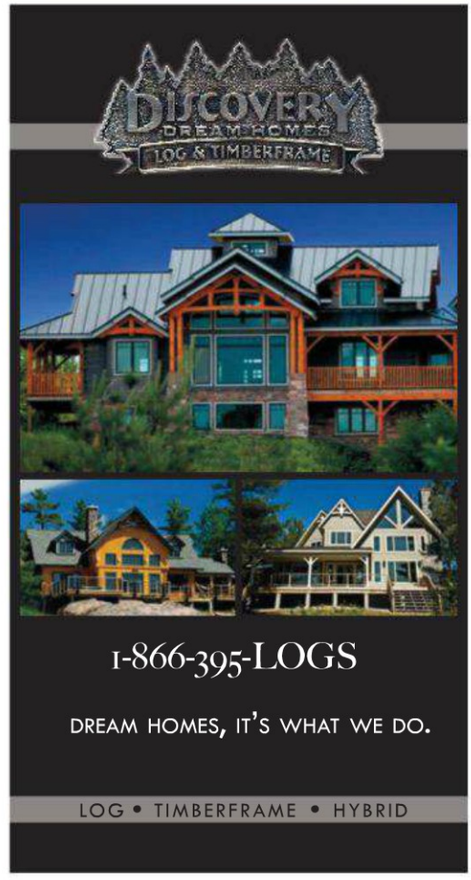

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playing dress-up **FROM PAGE 78**

This stripped bed from IKEA is beckoning for the addition of plush layers of bedding.

Sultan Hanestad **MATTRESS,** Sultan Åram **FOUNDATION,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

Soft, luxurious bed linens were added layer by layer to create this cozy cocoon. Start with a basic sheet set in a neutral hue. Then, add a pretty duvet and matching shams (the Marieve set is shown here). Finally, drape a throw at the foot of the bed for extra warmth and scatter around a few decorative toss cushions.

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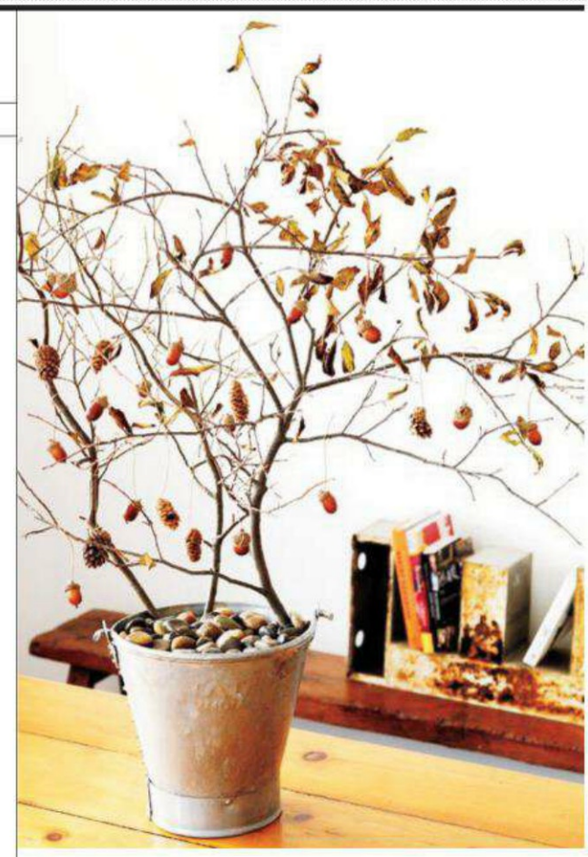

style news

project of the month **FROM PAGE 35**

Style at Home managing editor and resident crafter Catherine Therrien shows you how to make this decorated-for-fall tree branch sculpture.

MATERIALS

- tree branch
- Styrofoam
- galvanized bucket
- river rock
- glue gun and glue sticks
- twine
- faux acorns
- mini pine cones

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Go on a nature walk at your local park and find a fallen tree branch (bonus if it still has a few leaves attached!). **2** Place a block of Styrofoam in the bottom of the bucket and then push the end of the branch into it. Top with river rock. **3** Using a glue gun, secure three-inch lengths of twine to the ends of the acorns and pine cones. Once the glue has hardened, tie the other ends to the branch in a natural, random pattern. **4** Showcase on a dining table or in an entryway.

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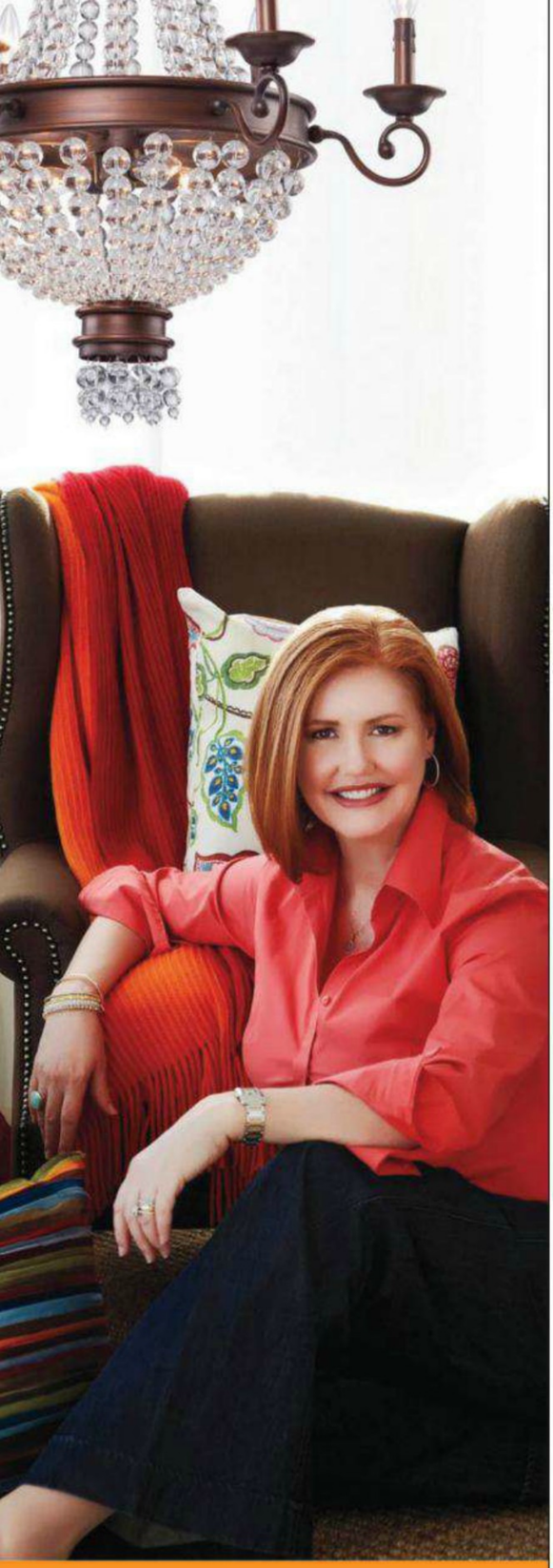

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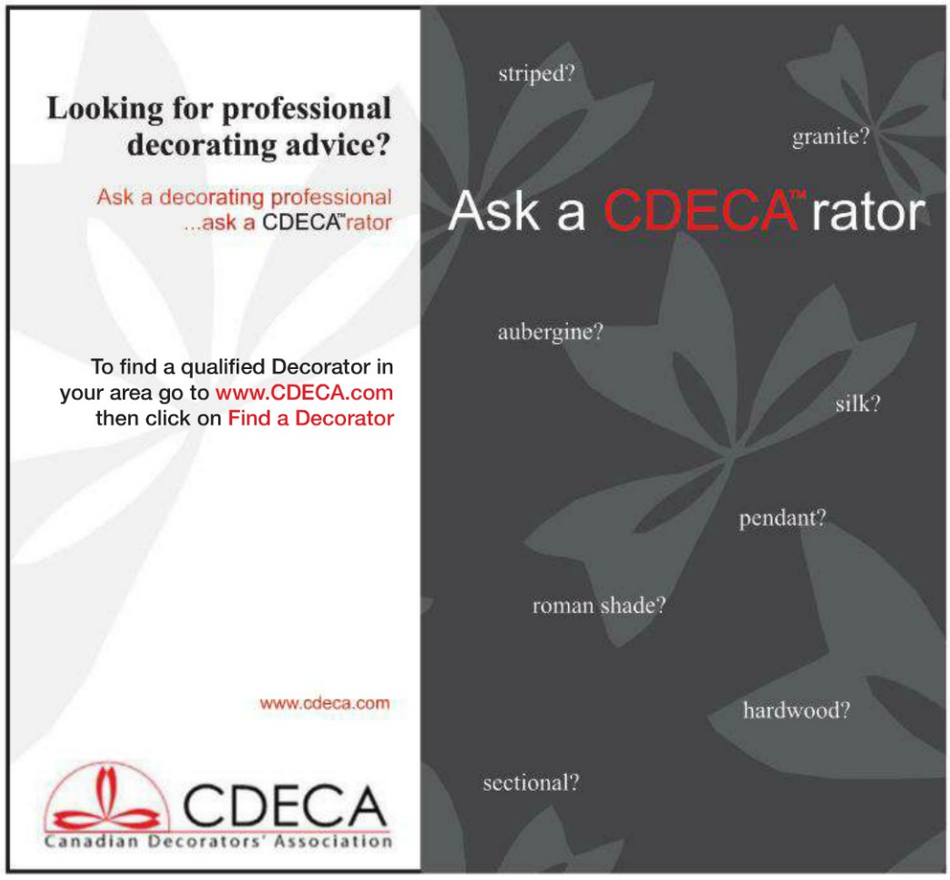

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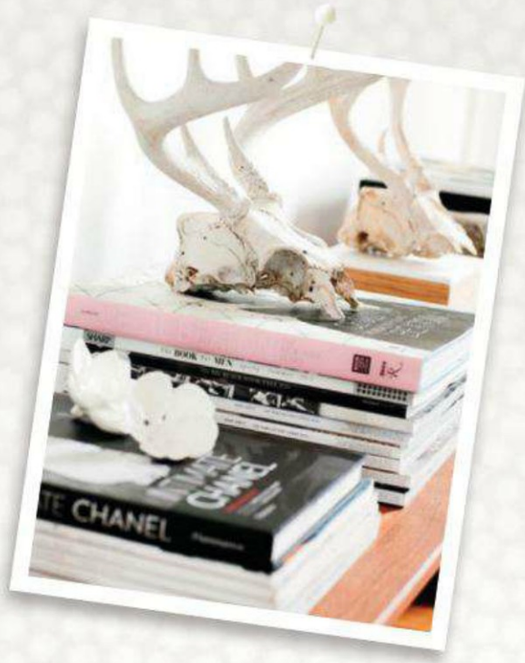
last LOOK

Every issue, we pick our favourite piece from one of the featured interiors. This month, we chose an organized display of books and magazines from the Calgary home of Sharie and Patrick Hunter (see "Home on the Range," page 144).



the inspiration

In Sharie and Patrick Hunter's Calgary home, a bench serves as a spot to display their book and magazine collection, as well as a few whimsical and rustic elements like these deer skulls found on Sharie's family farm.

WHY WE LOVE THEM

If you're anything like us, you have more than enough magazines to spare, so putting your stash to good use as an accessory means it frees up valuable space (your shoes can now have a proper home!) and it's easy on the pocketbook.

WHY THEY WORK

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WHERE TO USE THEM

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